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DR. ALAN DRUMMOND, Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians, August 26, 2010

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Ford losing fans on social media sites

Mayor's online approval has been steadily sinking the last four months, research shows Service cuts, Pride snub, war on graffiti hit his popularity among Torontonians

As far as Twitter is concerned, Rob Ford is the worst.

Of the roughly 43,000 times Toronto's mayor was mentioned on various social media sites since he took office last December, fewer than 3,000 posts had a positive tone. The remainder split evenly between negative and neutral.

"If that base of support (for Ford) is still holding, their voices are being drowned in social media."
PATRICK GLADNEY, SOCIAL MEDIA GROUP'S DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND INSIGHTS

According to research by Social Media Group, Ford's popularity among plugged-in Torontonians hit new lows this summer — 61 per cent negative — around the time the Fords picked a fight with beloved author Margaret Atwood.

Social Media Group also analyzed message boards, forums, blogs, video and photo-sharing sites and Wiki.

These social media patterns aren't exactly representative, says Ryerson political science professor Neil Thomlinson, but they seem to support what many have been feeling for months: Ford's honeymoon is over.

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School. Eats

▶ Nilani Ananthamoorthy, left, is served her choice of lunch at the Applewood Heights Secondary School cafeteria yesterday while fellow Grade 12 students Daniel Lee and Branden Tang, right, and cafeteria manager Sandra Tummonds look on.

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Out with the old

The province has introduced new healthy-food rules for school cafeterias. Mississauga's Applewood Heights Secondary School piloted the new rules a year ahead of everyone. More coverage, page 6.

TTC subway

Nigeria rides the rocket

New metro in Lagos negotiating to buy phased-out subway cars {page 5}

Cloud over teacher

Crazy English founder at centre of controversy {page 22}

NYPD kept tabs on mosques

Secret documents show decade-long hunt for terrorists {page 12}

Cleo Lemon era with Argos over

Quarterback released, less than two seasons after being signed to be their starter {page 48}

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Premier's visit sparks controversy

JESSICA SMITH
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A tweet about six students walking out of a photo op with Premier Dalton McGuinty ignited a row over free speech yesterday.

McGuinty was at Markville Secondary School in Markham for a press event where he met students in the school's robotics program.

TVO host Steve Paikin, who was covering the event tweeted that a teacher told students "if you're anti-Liberal, you can leave" and six of them walked out. He followed up by tweeting that the teacher called the students who left "anarchists."

He later clarified his tweet, saying the teacher wasn't targeting Conservatives and actually said, "If you're anti-liberal and you don't think you can control your urge to heckle, you can leave."

Before Paikin tweeted the clarification, the Progressive Conservative campaign sent out a media release based on the first two tweets saying, "Dalton McGuinty must answer for whether his campaign tour team pressured the teacher to take this action as part of his tightly scripted campaign event."

According to a Liberal campaign staff member, the party did not give any instructions to any school official about who should be at the event.

HANDOUT

▶ TVO host Steve Paikin.

Riding the Rocket in Nigeria

A new metro in Lagos is expected to run retired TTC subway cars

Just as the new Toronto Rocket trains start rolling in the subway tunnels, the TTC's old cars are about to start moving right out of the city.

A company called Eko Rail has a deal to buy 255 H5 and H6 cars from the TTC to furnish a 27-kilometre surface rail line in Lagos, Nigeria.

The TTC cars are being gradually retired as the new Rockets come online.

The price for the cars is still under negotiation, according to TTC spokesman Brad Ross.

The first of the H5s is supposed to be trucked out of the Wilson yard to the U.S. next week where it will undergo an engineering evaluation.

Recycled transit

- **Second lives.** It is not unusual for subway cars to be recycled. Seoul and Beijing cars have both had second lives in other cities.
- **Announcement.** The TTC announced in 2009 that there was an interested buyer for the H5 and H6 cars.

The interiors of the cars will be refurbished and they will be converted to run on international track gauge, said London based Michael Schabas, who is working with Eko Rail, the company expected to operate the Lagos line.

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NDP. Talk

▶ Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath meets a voter yesterday on Bloor Street West.

TANYA TALAGA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Liberals use video against NDP

Two Liberal staffers waited outside an NDP media event with a laptop yesterday, showing what they said was video of NDP Leader Andrea Horwath's orange SUV driving too close to cyclists, despite the party's promise to bring in a one-metre rule to keep cars away from bikes. The video includes silly noises every time the vehicle approaches bicycles, even though its actual proximity to the bikes is difficult to gauge.

Doug Ford's mall dealings spark complaint

Coun. Doug Ford's alleged discussions with an Australian shopping centre giant about Port Lands development are the subject of a complaint to the City of Toronto's lobbyist registrar.

In a letter to Linda Gehrke, Toronto resident Paul Magder quotes a Toronto Star story published Thursday revealing Australia-based Westfield Group is part of Ford's vision for the eastern waterfront.

"They have a lot of money sitting there waiting to invest in Toronto," said Ford.

Magder suggests that there might have been "secret backroom dealing" and urges Gehrke to launch a full investigation.

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▶ Coun. Doug Ford

News in brief

Glass falls from condo

DAMAGE. Downtown Toronto was the scene of another incident of falling glass yesterday, as pieces rained down from the upper storeys of a condominium, but no one was hurt.

There was some damage to vehicles after the glass fell from a balcony onto the road at Bay and Grosvenor streets, police said.

Const. Tony Vella said workers were removing a glass sheet from a balcony when it shattered, causing pieces to fall.

The area was blocked off as police investigated and city workers cleaned up the broken glass.

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Province mandates healthy high schools

Students give their take on new, nutritious offerings Healthy foods on menu for a year at test school

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Grade 12 student Daniel Lee thinks portions could be bigger.

BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jackie Chan, Grade 12 student at Applewood Heights, is missing the giant chocolate-chip cookies.

The "Big Belly" cookies are gone.

The chocolate-chip treats, one about the size of 17-year-old Jackie Chan's two hands, have been replaced with smaller, applesauce-sweetened cookies the size of her palm.

"I miss the big cookies," the Grade 12 student said in the school cafeteria at Mississauga's Applewood Heights Secondary.

"Now there are mini ones — I'll have to have four," she joked.

While students may have been longing for some of the treats once available in the caf, they gave the thumbs-up to the new, healthy offerings now mandated by the province.

The new rules force all food sold in a school — including fundraising bake sales — to have high levels of essential nutrients and to be low in fat, sugar and sodium. Foods with little nutritional value — fried foods, candy and energy drinks — are banned.

Long gone

- Chocolate bars
- Pop with sugar, caffeine
- Energy/sports drinks
- Anything deep fried
- Canned soup (now homemade)
- Big cookies

At Applewood Heights, a test school for the Peel District School Board, healthier foods have been on the new menu for about a year.

Among teens' favourites are baked fries, pasta and white-meat chicken burgers. On Tuesday, the caf did brisk business, although there were also lineups at the Tim Hortons and the Chinese takeout place about half a kilometre away.

"The fries tasted really good — a big improvement," added Grade 12 student Daniel Lee, who also raved about the chicken burger. "But sometimes the portions are small for the cost."

Teacher Angela Currie said cafeteria staff listened to student input when it came to changing the menu.

As for school fundraisers, students had to think of ways to raise money without bake sales — when raising money for Japan after the tsunami, for example, they sold paper cranes instead of baked goods.

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Cities can't ban shark fins, report says

Municipalities do not have the authority to ban shark fin products, Mississauga staff say in a report responding to council plans to pursue such a restriction.

Only the federal government can prohibit the consumption and sale of such products, says the report, to be received at a Mississauga council meeting today.

Toronto and Oakville are also considering a shark fin ban, after Brantford became the first Ontario municipality to do so in May.

"We consider this (the practice of cutting off a shark's fins then throwing it back into the ocean to die) animal cruelty," says Brantford Mayor Chris Friel.

"We passed the bylaw and use the (local affiliate of the Ontario) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to enforce it. It's enforced by (municipal) animal control bylaw officers."

Friel said municipalities commonly pass animal cruelty bylaws to protect endangered species, which could apply to some sharks that are nearing extinction.

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Brantford Mayor Chris Friel

Asked about the Mississauga staff report, Friel said, "Everyone interprets things differently."

Toronto Coun. Glenn De Baeremaeker, who forwarded a motion to look into a similar ban, wasn't so diplomatic in his assessment of the Mississauga report.

"It's cowardly," he said. "So what? Legal staff usually take the most conservative view; it doesn't mean it can't be done. We ban and regulate things all the time."

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Damaging delicacy

- Shark fin soup is considered a delicacy by many Chinese around the world and is an expensive status symbol served at special occasions such as weddings.

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Every gift matters for United Way

New fundraising target is $3M more than it was last year

To drum rolls, whoops and cheers, in a room packed with hundreds of eager supporters, United Way Toronto announced a record $116-million fundraising target for 2011. The agency's aim is to "provide stability in an uncertain time" and much is riding on its success.

Money raised this year will support a network of more than 200 health and social service agencies across Toronto, which together provide an essential safety net for this city's poor, hungry, abused and overlooked.

Many of the organizations in that network had volunteers at the campaign kickoff yesterday, wearing colourful T-shirts and waving agency banners. They were joined by corporate and labour fundraising partners.

"This is what United Way is about — people coming together to make a real difference."
SUSAN MCISAAC, PRESIDENT UNITED WAY TORONTO

The new target won't be easy to reach. The city is no longer in a recession, according to the strict definition of that term. But prosperity continues to elude thousands of residents who are under-employed or have no job at all. Toronto has entire communities left vulnerable to crime, poverty and neglect.

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▶ The United Way announces its 2011 fundraising goal of $116 million at AccessPoint on Danforth Avenue, yesterday.

Popping pills won't get you an A: Medical journal

Universities and colleges must crack down on illicit use of Ritalin and other stimulants, which are not the grade boosters many assume, an editorial in the Canadian Medical Association Journal urges.

"Students who think simply popping a pill will improve their grades, or give them new-found academic abilities, are sorely mistaken," says the editorial released online yesterday, just as most students started a new school year.

Students use stimulants like Ritalin and Adderall because they enhance alertness and attention. But it's a "pervasive myth" that they improve academic performance, the CMAJ charges.

The vast majority of evidence shows that stimulants offer no cognitive improvements over placebos in healthy individuals, the journal states.

The CMAJ calls on universities and colleges to create education campaigns that debunk myths and expose risks.

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▶ Stimulants used by students are so potent they can cause dangerous side effects, even if taken as prescribed.

Abuse

- In self-reporting surveys, anywhere from five per cent to 35 per cent of respondents have acknowledged abusing stimulants.

While data on the impact of these drugs on healthy individuals is sparse, studies show that use by those diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) can lead to death, life-threatening hypertension, irregular heartbeat, overdose, addiction and depression.

Post-secondary institutions should try to identify and address the root cause of stimulant abuse, the journal says. It's plausible that unhealthy competition or "play hard, work hard" attitudes prevail.

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LAKE DEATH

Mom of drowned boy charged

A mother from Ontario faces charges in New York state after her 14-year-old son's body was found in Lake Ontario.

Police found Alexander Montgomery's body in the lake shortly after 9 a.m. on Sunday.

He was a member of a group from Orillia, Ont., who were camping at Old Fort Niagara.

They were participating in a War of 1812 encampment, which includes a re-enactment of the capture of Fort Niagara.

Park Police Sgt. James Riddle said Monday that the youth was discovered missing early Sunday.

His mother, Paula Montgomery, 48, and a family friend, Peter Cooper, 50, are charged with providing the youth alcohol before his death.

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U.S. adults smoking less

According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report released yesterday, 19.3 per cent of adults in the U.S. said they smoked last year, down from about 21 per cent in 2005.

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Canadian faces sex charges

A federal grand jury in the U.S. state of Delaware has indicted 43-year-old David Gellad of Rosemere, Quebec, on charges of travelling to the United States to have sex with a 14-year-old Pennsylvania girl he met online.

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U.S. gunman kills three

Officials probe motive for morning shooting of National Guard members

A man with an AK-47 assault rifle shot a group of five uniformed National Guard members eating breakfast at a Nevada restaurant, killing two of them and another person in a hail of gunfire.

The suspect, 32-year-old Eduardo Sencion, shot himself and later died at a hospital.

Eight people were wounded in the attack in the state's capital, three of them National Guard members.

The gunman's motive was unclear, but Carson City Sheriff Kenny Furlong said that "obviously with five out of the 11 victims uniformed National Guardsmen, that has taken a priority interest in our investigation."

Sencion worked at his family's business in South Lake Tahoe, he was not in the military, and he had no known affiliations with anyone at the restaurant, Furlong said. He also had no criminal history.

Sencion's family raised concerns about his mental health in interviews with investigators, Furlong said. He did not elaborate.

The owner of a nearby barbecue restaurant described a frantic scene in which the gunman pulled up and immediately shot a man on a motorcycle, then charged into the restaurant where the Guard members were meeting.

The restaurant is about six kilometres from the Guard's headquarters complex. Nevada National Guard spokeswoman April Conway said she didn't know why the five Guard members had met at the restaurant.

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Lockdown

Authorities were at first worried about the violence being more widespread. They locked down the state capitol and Supreme Court buildings for about 40 minutes, and put extra security in place at state and military buildings in northern Nevada.

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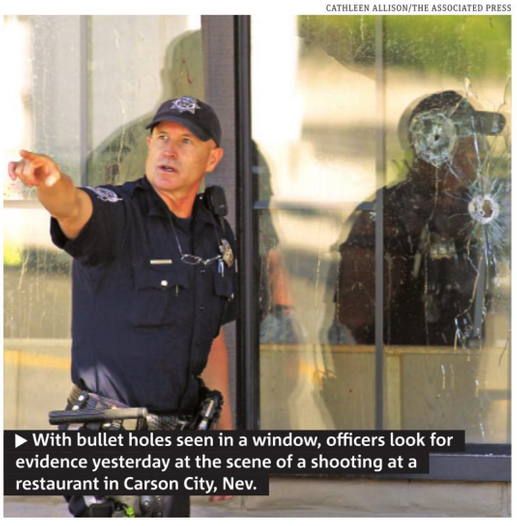

▶ With bullet holes seen in a window, officers look for evidence yesterday at the scene of a shooting at a restaurant in Carson City, Nev.

Police shoot protesters in Congo, kill one

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▶ Protesters gather in the streets of Kinshasa, Congo yesterday.

Police opened fire yesterday on opposition protesters and at least one person was killed, officials said of pre-election violence in Congo's capital of Kinshasa.

Yesterday's shooting followed what appeared to be tit-for-tat attacks on party offices.

The United Nations mission in Congo condemned "the wave of violent incidents ... not only in Kinshasa but across the country."

On Monday, supporters of leading opposition presidential candidate Etienne Tshisekedi ransacked the headquarters of President Joseph Kabila's party and set six private cars ablaze, Interior Minister Adolphe Lumanu told reporters.

"They're afraid of elections," legislator Francis Kalombo, head of the presidential party's youth league, said on Radio Top Congo.

About 2 a.m. yesterday, attackers looted and ransacked Tshisekedi's headquarters in Kinshasa. Twelve people were seriously injured in that violence, Lumanu said.

Around the same time, unidentified gunmen set ablaze independent RLTV station, forcing it off the air. Radio Lisanga Television also stopped broadcasting in March when the government blocked its signal, charging its pro-Tshisekedi programs were "promoting violence."

Protesters who started burning tires and blocking the street outside the TV station were quickly dispersed by police.

A larger crowd gathered outside Tshisekedi's headquarters later yesterday. When they refused to stop protesting, police opened fire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Images taken by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter from 20 to 24 kilometres up show the astronauts' paths when they walked on the moon, as well as ruts left by a moon buggy. Experts could even identify the backpacks astronauts pitched out of their lunar landers before they returned to Earth.

The pictures show the landing sites for Apollo 12, 14 and 17. "What we're seeing is a trail," said Mark Robinson, a geology professor at Arizona State University and the orbiter's chief scientist. "It's totally awesome."

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NYPD spied on hundreds of mosques, documents show

- 'Ancestries of interest' targeted
- Force operated with CIA

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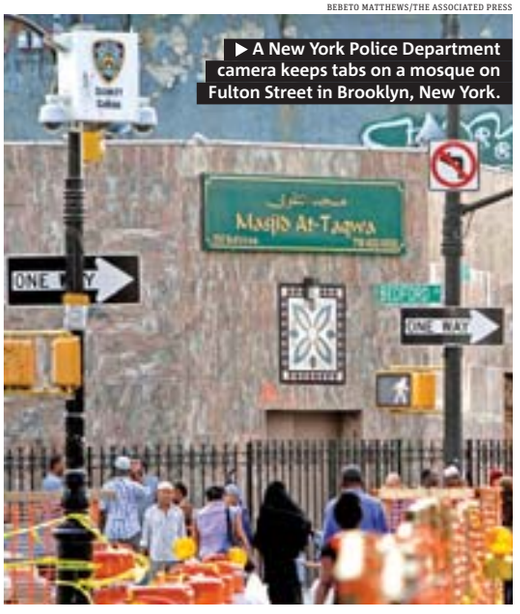

▶ A New York Police Department camera keeps tabs on a mosque on Fulton Street in Brooklyn, New York.

The New York Police Department collected intelligence on more than 250 mosques and Muslim student groups in and around New York, often using undercover officers and informants to canvass the Islamic population of America's largest city, according to officials and confidential internal documents.

The documents highlight how the past decade's hunt for terrorists also put huge numbers of innocent people under scrutiny.

An Associated Press investigation last month revealed that a secret squad known as the Demographics Unit sent teams of undercover officers to help keep tabs on Muslim communities. Since the 2001 attacks, the NYPD has built one of the most aggressive domestic intelligence agencies in the U.S.

After identifying more than 250 area mosques, police officials determined the "ethnic orientation, leadership and group affiliations," according to the 2006 police documents. Police also used informants and teams of plainclothes officers, known as rakers, to identify mosques requiring further scrutiny, according to an official involved in that effort, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the program.

Armed with that information, police then identified 53 "mosques of concern" and placed undercover officers and informants there, the documents show.

Many of those mosques were flagged for allegations of criminal activity, such as alien smuggling, financing Hamas or money laundering. Others were identified for having ties to Salafism, a hardline Islamic movement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Space station could be abandoned, astronauts say

The astronauts aboard the International Space Station say ground controllers at Cape Canaveral, Fla., are figuring out how best to leave the vast complex running — what lights to leave on, which vents to keep open — in case it needs to be temporarily abandoned.

A Russian supply rocket failed during liftoff two weeks ago and crashed into Siberia. It's the same type of rocket used to launch people to the station. Until engineers can figure out what went wrong, all Soyuz launches are on hold.

Six men are living aboard the space station. Three of them will leave late next week. A new crew of three will blast off in November.

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Rocket racket

- **Astronauts have been** living aboard the International Space Station, without interruption, for almost 11 years.
- **With NASA's space** shuttles retired as of July, the Soyuz is the only means of getting astronauts to and from the space station. Private U.S. companies hope to provide an alternative in three to five years.

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The train was moving 15 to 30 kilometres an hour, police said.

Train-hopping teen loses legs

A 17-year-old girl who lost both legs while trying to hop a freight train was trying to get back to Fort Collins, Colo., where she attends university, after a trip to Denver, police say.

The teen's legs were severed at the knee when she fell under the train on Monday in Longmont, Colo., north of Denver. Three male companions escaped without serious injuries.

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Hostage drama ends without injuries

Incident is second standoff in a month in Australia

A man who marched into a Sydney, Australia law office with his daughter and said he had a bomb in his backpack was taken into custody yesterday after a tense, 12-hour standoff with police.

The man's 12-year-old daughter was released and reunited with her family, New South Wales police said. She was distressed, but otherwise unharmed, police said.

Police Assistant Commissioner Denis Clifford said bomb technicians were examining the backpack to see whether any explosive devices were in it.

Clifford said a police tactical team forced its way into the office after negotiations with the man began to crumble.

"I've got a bomb in my backpack."
HOSTAGE TAKER
IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

"Those negotiations have started to break down and then deteriorate to a stage where police have taken action to break into the premises and take a 52-year-old man into custody," Clifford said.

Police have not released the man's name or described the series of demands he issued. He is expected to appear in court today.

The drama began yesterday morning when the man walked into the reception area of the lawyers' offices. Employee Betty Hor said the man threw a book at her desk and told her to call an unknown man and the state attorney-general's department and "tell them I've got a bomb in my backpack."

Hor called police as the man walked to a lawyer's office with the girl, who called him "Dad."

The standoff came a month after an extortionist broke into a Sydney home and fastened a fake bomb around the neck of a millionaire's teenage daughter. She spent 10 terrifying hours with the device strapped to her before police determined it was harmless and freed her.

Australian Paul Douglas Peters, 53, is in jail in Louisville, Kentucky, awaiting extradition next month on charges in Australia related to that incident.

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▶ A young girl is escorted from the law office building where she was held hostage in Sydney, Australia yesterday.

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A day captured through a lens

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▶ Lyle Owerko

JEREMY NOLAIS
IN CALGARY

Hell rained down all around him on 9-11, but what Lyle Owerko remembers most 10 years after that fateful day is the blue sky.

"It just was truly exceptional," he told Metro. "Unfortunately, it provided a beautiful backdrop for something so horrible."

The University of Calgary graduate had just returned from Africa. His bag was still packed when the first plane struck the World Trade Center blocks from his New York apartment.

Owerko raced to the crash site, loading film along the way. A second plane roared into Lower Manhattan on a collision course with the South Tower.

Owerko pointed his camera towards the top of the tower and caught the impact.

The historic photo would appear on the cover of Time magazine the next day and go on to receive international critical acclaim from many.

9/11 coverage

Pick up a copy of Metro on Friday for our discussion 9-11's legacy a decade later.

9-11 riders represent Halifax

Thousand of motorcyclists have signed up for the 9-11 Tribute Rally

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▶ Motor Maids Ann Savoy MacKelvie, Denise Pelrine and Elizabeth Pass are heading to New York this week to take part in a 9-11 tribute rally.

The roar of over 5,000 motorcycles won't be able to drown out the memories of the Twin Towers collapsing into dust.

But three motorcyclists from Halifax will be there on the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks to represent a city that helped out so generously that day.

Denise Pelrine, Ann Savoy MacKelvie and Elizabeth Pass are HRM residents and members of Motor Maids, a women's-only motorcycling club that dates back to 1940. Their club was asked to escort members of International Associations of Firefighters Motorcycle Group from Newburgh, N.Y., to Ground Zero on the 10th anniversary of the attacks on Sunday.

In total, 12 Canadian Motor Maids will participate in the rally: three from Nova Scotia, two from New Brunswick and seven from Ontario.

"The Americans recognize Canada as a real sister, a support in what happened," said MacKelvie.

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DNA evidence sows confusion at Knox appeal

ITALY. Questions mounted yesterday over crucial DNA evidence linking Amanda Knox and her co-defendant to the murder of her British roommate, with forensic experts giving detailed and conflicting views in court over genetic science.

Without a clear motive or convincing witnesses, much of the appeal's outcome hinges on how the court views the DNA evidence.

Knox and Raffaele Sollecito were convicted of sexually assaulting and killing Meredith Kercher in November 2007 in the apartment Knox and the 21-year-old Briton shared while studying in Perugia. Knox was sentenced to 26 years in prison; Sollecito to 25. Both deny wrongdoing and have appealed the December 2009 verdict. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

U.S. engineer killed in Afghanistan

KABUL. James W. "Will" Coker, an American civilian working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was kidnapped from his Afghanistan power plant and strangled to death, officials and family members said yesterday, a rare incident despite widespread violence. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Gadhafi backers form convoy out

Fleeing group includes senior members of regime, but not dictator or family, U.S. State Department says

Convoys of Moammar Gadhafi loyalists, including his security chief, fled across the Sahara into Niger yesterday in a move that Libya's former rebels hoped could help lead to the surrender of his last strongholds.

Still, efforts to negotiate the peaceful handover of one of the most crucial of those bastions, the city of Bani Walid, proved difficult.

Tribal elders from Bani Walid who met yesterday with former rebels were confronted by angry residents of the city, including Gadhafi supporters, who fired in the air and sent them fleeing, mediators said. Many in Bani Walid remain deeply mistrustful of the forces that have seized power in Libya and are reluctant to accept their rule.

Some former rebels depicted the flight to Niger as a major exodus of Gadhafi's most hardcore backers. But confirmed information on the number and identity of those leaving was scarce as the convoy made its way across the vast swath of desert — over 1,000 miles — between populated areas on the two sides of the border.

Gadhafi himself is not in the convoys, the U.S. State Department said.

As the first group of a dozen vehicles pulled into Niger's capital, Niamey, a customs official said it included Mansour Dao, Gadhafi's security chief and a key member of his inner circle, as well as around 12 other Gadhafi regime officials. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

On the move

- The convoys included heavily armed contingents of Tuareg tribal fighters from Niger, who have long been enlisted as mercenaries for Gadhafi's regime, Niger officials said.
- A Gadhafi opponent said the convoy was also carrying gold and cash belonging to the regime.

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▶ A rebel fighter shoots in the air, yesterday, as negotiations resumed between tribal elders and rebel leaders in a mosque at a checkpoint between Tarhouna and Bani Walid, Libya.

Rebels not like old regime, envoy tells tribal elders

Yesterday, at a mosque on a desert highway outside Bani Walid, envoys from the new leadership met with tribal elders, trying to negotiate a peaceful entry by their forces. The elders said residents were refusing to surrender because of widespread fears that entering fighters will retaliate for past Gadhafi support, raping women and killing men.

The envoys promised their fighters would be peaceful, without a shot fired, and held out the prospect of rebuilding damaged infrastructure in the city, including communications and electricity.

"We are not like the old regime. We don't take revenge and we don't bear grudges," chief negotiator Abdullah Kenshil told the elders.

But when the elders returned to Bani Walid to deliver the pledges, they were met by a gun-firing crowd.

The tribal elders who participated "don't represent all the tribes in Bani Walid," said al-Mubarak al-Saleh, a city representative on the National Transitional Council. "There are still pockets of Gadhafi supporters and allied tribes."

Bani Walid resident Mohammed Bin Masoud said a more representative delegation of elders had been due to meet the former rebels on Monday, but felt insulted by what they saw as an arrogant attitude and left the meeting.

Many in the city see little weight in promises of a peaceful entry. The former rebel forces can be notoriously undisciplined, and even celebratory firing in the air could potentially spark a gunbattle.

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Tangled legacy

- Bani Walid is the homeland of Libya's largest tribe, the Warfala.
- In 1993, some Warfala attempted a coup against Gadhafi, but were brutally crushed.
- The masterminds were executed, their homes demolished and their clans shunned while Gadhafi brought other members of the tribe to dominance, giving them powerful government jobs and lucrative posts.
- That history gives the tribe a strong pride in an oddly contradictory legacy, as both early opponents of the regime and an entitled part of Libya's leadership.

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Captured croc to be tourism star

'Lolong' believed to be one of the biggest caught in recent years

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▶ Mayor Cox Elorde of Bunawan township pretends to measure a huge crocodile captured along a creek in Bunawan late Saturday in southern Philippines.

What a croc! Its mighty snout wrapped tightly with ropes, a one-ton, 20-foot saltwater crocodile was captured and put on display in a town in the southern Philippines.

But shed no crocodile tears for this colossal captive.

"Lolong," as it has been nicknamed, is about to become the star attraction of an ecotourism park — unless it is upstaged by an even larger reptile that may still be on the loose.

Residents of Bunawan township celebrated when they captured the croc, with about 100 people pulling the feared beast from a creek by rope, then hoisting it by crane onto a truck. While the beast was safely tied up, they examined its teeth, claws and stubby legs with fascination.

The scaly skinned Lolong — which tips the scales at 2,370 pounds — is estimated to be at least 50 years old. Wildlife officials were trying to confirm whether it was the largest such catch in the world, said Theresa Mundita Lim of the government's Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau.

It was captured alive after a three-week hunt, easing some fears among the locals. A child was killed two years ago in the township by a crocodile, and a croc is suspected of killing a fisherman who has been missing since July. Last month, residents saw a crocodile killing a water buffalo.

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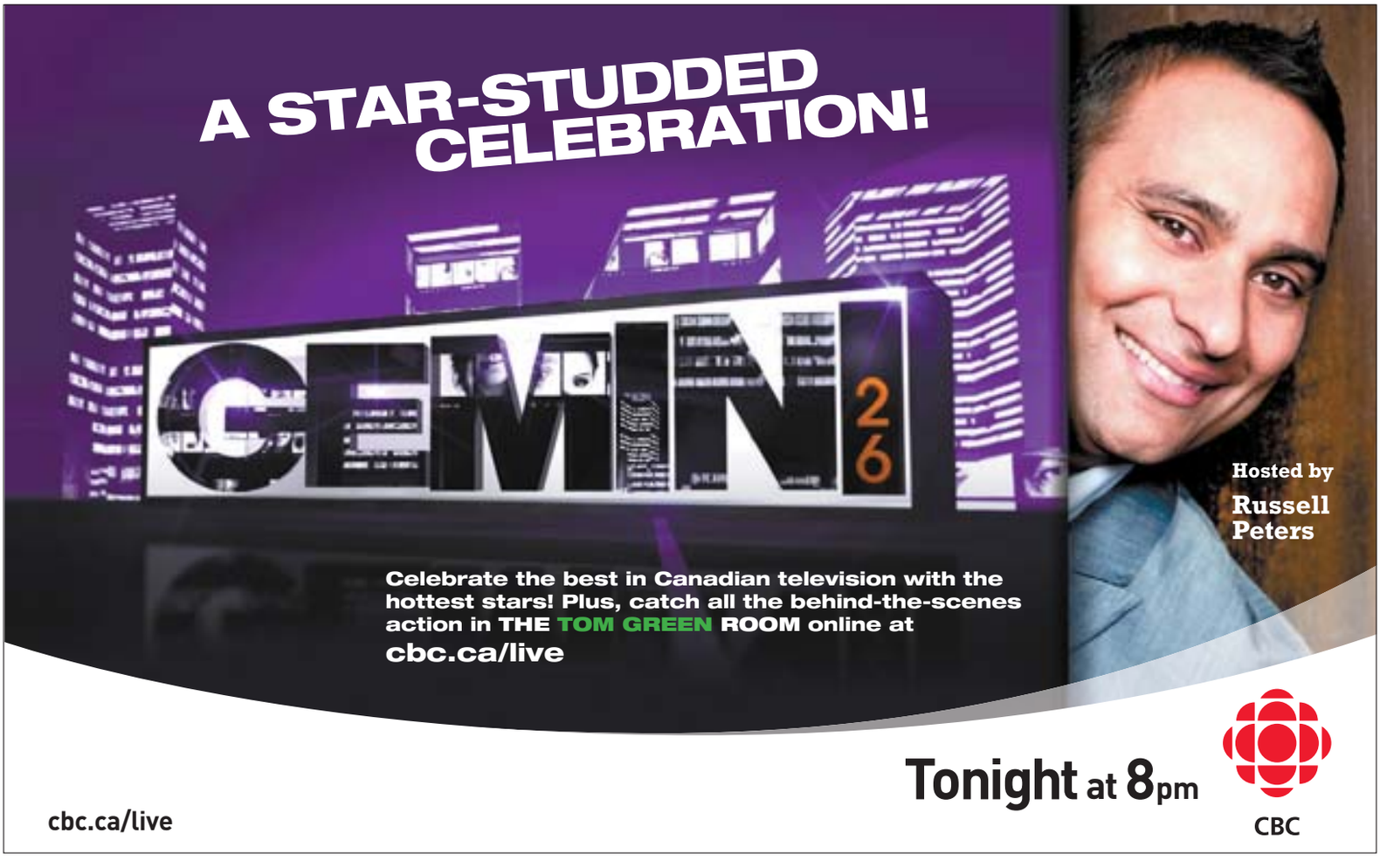
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Black's freedom revoked for a bit

One-time magnate is back in the slammer to serve out his time on fraud charges after year-long reprieve

Former media baron Conrad Black has returned to prison to finish his sentence for fraud.

Black will spend the time at the Federal Correctional Institution in Miami, a low security prison about 50 kilometres from the city's downtown.

Black had been free on bail for about a year after an appeal court reversed two of his three fraud convictions.

He was resentenced in June by Judge Amy St. Eve, who also handed down his original term of 78-months in 2007.

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With credits for time already served, Black was ordered to spend up to another 13 months behind bars.

However, he may wind up spending as little as six to eight months in prison before he is released.

Black spent his first stint behind bars at the Coleman Federal Correctional Complex in central Florida

Black's empire once included the Chicago Sun-Times, The Daily Telegraph of London and small papers across the U.S. and Canada.

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Dark cloud over Chinese teacher

Allegations of assault against Li Yang puts domestic violence in spotlight ◐ Crazy English founder has celebrity status in China

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- **Profile.** In 2008, Yang gained international fame when The New Yorker magazine wrote a lengthy profile of him in the lead-up to the Beijing Olympic Games.
- **Welcome.** At the time, the Beijing Organizing Committee had entrusted him to train staff on how to welcome the world in English.

He has been called a superstar, a living legend, an evangelist of English who has taught millions of Chinese how to speak the language of Shakespeare.

With legions of devout followers, some even call him a cult figure.

But in recent days, Li Yang, founder of Li Yang Crazy English — a wildly popular method of language instruction in China that involves yelling at the top of one's lungs — has found himself at the centre of controversy.

Li stands accused of being a wife beater.

The accusation — posted on the country's most popular social media site with disturbing photographs — has triggered a wave of condemnation on the Internet, and pushed the problem of domestic violence in China into the spotlight.

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▶ A woman claiming to be Kim Lee shows her bruises.

"Li Yang, you need help," a post by his American-born wife Kim Lee began this week. "Domestic violence is a serious problem."

By all accounts domestic violence is a problem in China, but women's advocates say what little research there is, is underfunded.

"The problem of domestic violence is not highly regarded," says Lv Pin, a researcher with the Beijing-based Women and Media Watch Network, an NGO that monitors women's issues. "Collecting statistics is a nation's responsibility. But I don't think the state and the government attach any special importance to the issue."

Domestic media routinely report that one of every three households in China suffers from domestic violence.

But well-known Chinese scholar Feng Yuan, who oversees China's Stop Domestic Violence website, says that this data is years old.

"And there are still research limitations in China that make large-scale research very difficult here," she says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ English teacher Li Yang speaks to a crowd of children during a Crazy English teaching event in Hefei, China, in this photo from 1998.

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▶ Harbor's ears are on display after he won a Guinness World Record title for 2012 as the living dog with the longest ears.

Record's an earful

Eight-year-old coonhound from U.S. snags Guinness World Record for longest ears on a living dog

Harbor has over 60 centimetres of ears.

Yesterday, the black-and-tan coonhound from Boulder, Colo., got the 2012 Guinness World Records title for "longest ears on a living dog."

His left ear is 31.12 centimetres long and his right is 34.29 centimetres long.

Owner Jennifer Wert says when her eight-year-old was a puppy, he would trip on his ears and roll down stairs.

These days, Wert says people often stop them to ask questions, take photos or tug on the dog's ears.

Tigger, a bloodhound from Illinois who died in 2009, still holds the record for longest ears ever.

One was 34.29 centimetres long, the other 34.92 centimetres long.

Coonhounds use their ears to help with scent, not for enhanced hearing, Guinness notes on its website.

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An Important Notice Regarding Your Personal Health Information

This notice is being issued to help people with diabetes or at risk of having diabetes decide whether or not they want to consent to having their personal health information shared in the Diabetes Registry and the Diabetes Testing Report.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is working to help individuals better manage their diabetes and their diabetes care. As part of this effort, eHealth Ontario is creating and will be operating a Diabetes Registry to give health care providers the ability to easily check patient records, access diagnostic information, receive patient alerts, and track the care a patient with diabetes receives. The implementation of the Diabetes Registry is a first step towards achieving a province-wide Electronic Health Record for eligible Ontarians.

The MOHLTC currently uses the paper-based Diabetes Testing Report to keep your primary care provider (physician or nurse practitioner in a Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic) informed of when you last had the following three key tests that people living with diabetes should receive on a regular basis:

- the HbA1C blood glucose control test, which patients should receive at least every six months
- the LDL-C cholesterol test, which patients should receive approximately every year
- a retinal eye exam, which patients should receive at least every two years

In order to create the Diabetes Testing Report, your primary care provider shares personal health information, including your name, OHIP number, and date of birth with the MOHLTC. He or she will also confirm whether you have diabetes. In response, the MOHLTC will share the most recent date for each of the three key tests with your primary care provider.

Starting in Fall 2011, eHealth Ontario will begin operating the Diabetes Registry and other Electronic Health Record applications to permit health care providers to access your name, OHIP number, date of birth, and clinical information such as procedure dates and test results, in real time, when they are providing you with health care. The MOHLTC will continue to send Diabetes Testing Reports to primary care providers until they transition to the Diabetes Registry.

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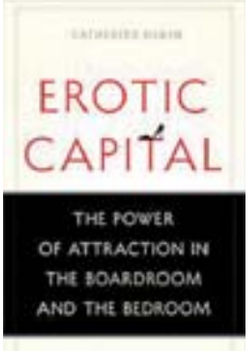
Author advocates using 'erotic capital' to advance your career

Women shouldn't be afraid to use their looks, sex appeal and charm to get ahead in the workplace, a London School of Economics scholar says.

And they should even consider how they dress, says Catherine Hakim, author of Erotic Capital: The Power of Attraction in the Boardroom and the Bedroom.

Both sexes exploit other personal assets, like money, background and social standing and connections, Hakim argues. They can and should exploit erotic capital, which includes clothes, makeup, hair and the way one talks and relates to other people.



Hakim says that erotic capital is becoming increasingly important in the sexualized culture of modern Western society.

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Unfriendly. Fire

▶ Sisters Laura, left, and Michelle Clements survey their fire-destroyed home yesterday in Bastrop, Texas, about 40 kilometres from Austin.

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More than 1,000 homes have been destroyed in at least 57 wildfires across rain-starved Texas, most of them in one devastating blaze close to Austin. Some 40,469 hectares of parched Texas landscape have burned over the past week alone.

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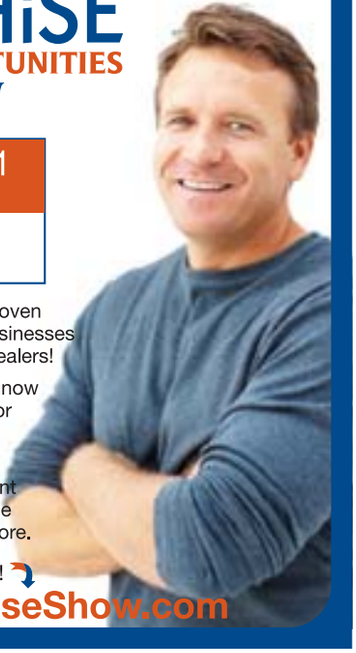

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Investor pushes for RIM shakeup

Jaguar proposing BlackBerry maker benefit from up to 15,000 technology patents it owns

An investment bank with holdings in struggling Research In Motion is urging shareholders to push the BlackBerry maker to consider potentially selling the company or spinning off its patent portfolio into a separate firm.

"The company is broken," said Vic Alboini, chairman and CEO of Jaguar Financial Corp., which holds less than five per cent of RIM's shares. "It has to be fixed."

The BlackBerry maker has failed to come up with a multi-purpose device that meets the requirements of the "dynamic" consumer landscape, Jaguar said.

"With its own stock of coveted patents, RIM is positioned to benefit from the increased appetite for intellectual property, but the board must change course and recognize the opportunity," Jaguar said.

The chief executive of the Toronto-based investment bank said that RIM needs a transformational change before its market value is lost.

The investment bank's public statement comes amid months of reports that RIM's board and management were under pressure from shareholders seeking a shakeup of the company, best known for its BlackBerry smartphones. In particular, there have been calls for a change of roles in the top executive ranks. The chairman and chief executive roles are shared by Mike Lazaridis, one of RIM's co-founders, and Jim Balsillie.

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Patents value

- The value of patents held by technology firms has been re-evaluated since Nortel's portfolio was auctioned off for $4.5 billion US — four times more than anticipated — to a group that included RIM.
- RIM's stock has fallen from a peak of $149.90 in June 2008 to $29.59 on Sept. 2.

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Experts rule out interest-rate hike

Mark Carney will have little to consider this morning, but much to explain, in setting the Bank of Canada's interest policy for the next little while.

With the global economic landscape teetering, there is little talk in financial markets or at the central bank of interest-rate hikes.

The vast majority of economists now are convinced Carney will keep the short-term rate at one per cent for another year.

Analysts say that if there is any change to the policy, it may be to lower the rate rather than raise it by the year's end, say analysts.

In the United States, the Federal Reserve Board has said it will keep rates at current low levels for at least another two years to try and stimulate the sagging economy.

1% It is widely expected that Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney will leave rates on hold at one per cent until at least next year.

The markets are eagerly awaiting the governor's views today about the near-future prospects and whether he will signal a possible rate decrease.

In July, the last time Carney pronounced on interest rates, the bank's statement began with the often-voiced mantra that "the global economic expansion is proceeding broadly as projected."

That won't do anymore, says Bank of Montreal economist Douglas Porter.

At the time, Carney had expected the second quarter to show a 1.5 per cent growth rate — anemic perhaps, but far better than the minus 0.4 per cent the economy actually got.

Now the prospect of a second recession, particularly in the U.S., has gained currency, which will have stark implications for Canada in terms of jobs and government budgets.

Scotiabank economist Derek Holt says he doesn't believe there is sufficient urgency to cut interest rates now, but he says the governor must become more realistic about the economic landscape.

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▶ Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney.

Chinese firm to buy Ontario parts maker

Wescast Industries Inc., an auto-parts maker hit hard by the restructuring of the North American auto sector, has agreed to be acquired by a Chinese company for just under $180 million. The Ontario auto company said yesterday it is being bought by China-based Sichuan Bohong Industry Co. for $13.60 per share.

Ed Frackowiak, chairman and CEO, said the merger deal is a good thing for customers and the company's 2,000 employees. The maker of automotive exhaust systems has operations in Ontario, China and Europe.

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China getting more Starbucks

Coffee retailer eyes emerging economies to boost sales Global revenue now 23% of overall business

Starbucks Corp., the world's largest coffee retailer, plans to triple the number of its coffee shops in China during the next four years, an executive said yesterday.

Starbucks plans to operate 1,500 outlets in China by 2015 from a current 470, the company's Asia Pacific president Jinlong Wang said. The company also expects to open 700 coffee shops in South Korea by 2016, up from 370 now, Wang said.

"The coffee industry in China has huge potential," Wang told reporters in Singapore. "China has 5,000 years as a tea-drinking country, but we've created a new coffee culture."

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Starbucks has 17,000 stores in 55 countries.

Starbucks is eyeing fast-growing emerging economies to help boost sales. The company said in July that revenue from its international business rose 20 per cent in the April-June quarter from a year earlier and accounted for 23 per cent of overall sales of $2.93 billion US.

Wang said Starbucks sales in Asia have remained robust in recent months despite a slowing global economy.

"We've seen very strong same-store sales across Asia, double-digit growth in some markets," he said.

Starbucks plans to introduce its Via Ready Brew instant coffee this month to South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Australia.

Since opening its first store in China in 1999, Starbucks has spread to 42 cities, including 10 new ones this year. Starbucks is preparing to open its first outlets in India next year and in Vietnam in 2013.

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Rogers to start bank

Rogers Communications Inc. is hoping to expand beyond the telecom business by starting up a financial institution called Rogers Bank. A notice on the federal government's Canada Gazette said the new bank would be headquartered in Toronto.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
- 83.87 (12,518.54)	- 0.58¢ (101.03¢ US)
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As you wave goodbye to the kids today, staggering under the weight of their 30-pound backpacks stuffed with textbooks, iPads/iPhones/iPods, healthy lunches (which they'll pitch as soon as you're not looking and head for the nearest cheeseburger), gym clothes (which are clean for at least one day this year), and various waiver forms, consider the investment that's climbing out of the SUV.

According to the usually reliable sources, it costs roughly a quarter of a million bucks to raise a child, and you really can't expect too much help from Hillary Clinton's legendary village. The good news is that you get to spread the costs over 20 years, so the annual touch is only about $12,500.

Your alcohol budget is probably higher than that, especially throughout the teen years.

"Remember that it's tough being a kid in 2011. There are simply too many role models, all of them Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. The pressure to be cool starts in kindergarten, where you have to make sure you don't wet your pants and you have to be constantly on the alert to make sure no one swipes Teddy."

Of course, expenses vary depending on your specific circumstances. A teenage girl, for example, needs her OWN bathroom and her OWN bedroom, preferably with a swinging hinge on the door so when she slams it with a dramatic flourish while declaring how much she totally hates you, the ceiling won't fall in.

A teenage boy will sleep anywhere as long as it's in front of an Xbox 360.

Generally, the older a kid gets, the sloppier he or she looks and the more it costs to get the look. Prior to turning 11, kids look like their parents' idea of what a kid should look like, all pressed and brushed and scrubbed and sensible. After 11, they look as if they were outfitted by Puff Diddy.

Remember that it's tough being a kid in 2011. There are simply too many role models, all of them Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. The pressure to be cool starts in kindergarten, where you have to make sure you don't wet your pants and you have to be constantly on the alert to make sure no one swipes Teddy.

Meanwhile, the real competition is hidden in the library (where's that?) where they are already studying 24-7 and have nearly filled all the pre-med slots for the Class of 2024. It's a jungle out there, and unless your kid's a cheetah, he/she can expect to spend the next 12 years at the bottom of the food chain, no matter how much you love them.

So, a quarter of a million bucks may seem like a lot of money to turn out a clerk typist 4 or a travel agent, but they will be the best, most intelligent, beautiful middle managers ever raised. And they're worth every penny. And all the love you've got, which is enough.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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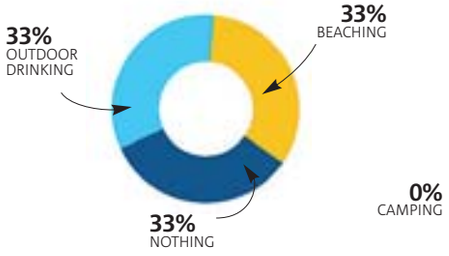
What are you going to miss most about summer?



Local tweets

- **@jianghomeshi:** Mr Gosling will emerge from #TIFF11 with most buzz but Carey Mulligan & Jessica Chastain (both in multiple films) won't be too far behind.
- **@amanda_fruci:** I need #TIFF11 tix to Brakeaway, 50/50 and Hysteria! Had no darn WiFi on Saturday and missed my shot. Crying inside!
- **@Moballer_Banks:** So i got to Sheridan with no idea what class I ws having or where the class was. I jst knew it started at 2 & it was 2.45. #firstdayofschool
- **@Cynthia_UofT:** You've been walking around #UofT all day; stay hydrated! It's easy to forget when you're having fun and the weather is cool. #startuoft
- **@settleforme:** First day of school and I'm already almost 300 pages behind in readings. UofT = University of Torture.
- **@PinaButta_:** Getting a head start on my essay due in October because I promised myself i'd be more dedicated. Baaam. #firstdayofschool
- **@carlosudarbe:** Have to start my homework soon. Yes, homework on the #firstdayofschool. #IfICouldGetAwayWithIt, I would be happy.

Worth mentioning

Western companies have flocked to Indonesia to sell everything from Louis Vuitton bags to Pizza Hut, but one big business has held out against the foreign invasion. Cinema screens are currently off limits to most Hollywood blockbusters — thanks to a virtual monopoly on film imports by a single company.

With a booming national economy, a growing middle class and a relatively young population — 36 per cent are between the ages of 15 and 40 — Indonesia provides a near-bottomless market for consumer industries.

Yet the film world has managed to escape many of the reforms that resulted in the dismantling of monopolies following the collapse in 1998 of the 32-year dictatorship of Suharto, who placed control of entire sectors in the hands of family and trusted friends.

As long as Group 21 maintains a firm grip on all film imports and most screens in theatres nationwide, cinema lovers will have little to cheer about, said Raam Punjabi, a prominent producer and outspoken critic of the movie industry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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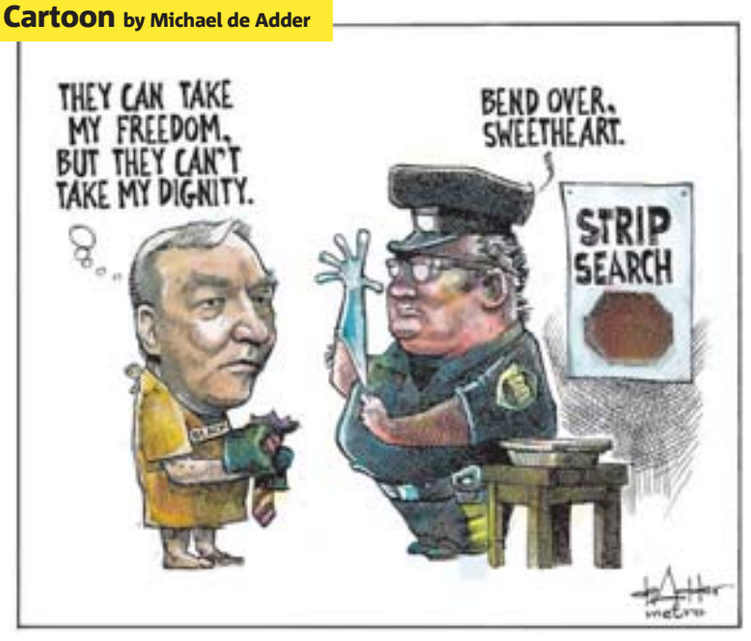

WEIRD NEWS

Some university students wok with pride

Staff and students at the University of Massachusetts celebrated the start of the new semester on Monday by making the world's largest stir-fry.

Using a custom-built, 4.27-metre (14-foot)-frying pan, the 1,820-kilogram (4,010-pound) meal included 360 kilograms (800 pounds) of chicken, 227 kilograms (500 pounds) of onions, 180 kilograms (400 pounds) of carrots, 135 kilograms (300 pounds) of broccoli as well as peppers, green beans, bok choy, peanuts, basil and garlic. It was cooked in 23 kilograms (50 pounds) of canola oil.

Ken Toong, executive director of Auxiliary Enterprises at UMass-Amherst, says the purpose was to stress sustainability and promoting healthy eating as many of the vegetables were grown at a student-run farm.

A Guinness Book of World Records representative was on hand to certify the record. The previous record was 1,050 kilograms (2,319 pounds).

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▶ Metro speaks to the stars of Bucky Larson: Born to be a Star.

Chasing stardom

Lead actors in Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star share their love of one another with Metro
Adam Sandler pits the pair against each other as he brings porn comedy to the big screen

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Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star puts a wide-eyed pornography newcomer (co-writer and star Nick Swardson) at odds with a more established adult film performer (Stephen Dorff) in this Adam Sandler comedy.

The pair left any sense of animosity on the screen, though, if Metro's love-fest of a chat with the pair is any indication.

Nick, I take it this is an autobiographical film for you?
Nick Swardson: It's a documentary. We're very excited. They followed me around for my beginning (laughs).

No, it's awesome.

It's an idea that (Adam) Sandler had. He told me, 'You play a kid who finds out his parents used to be porn stars,' and it's such an awesome concept because you do think, 'What if I found a porno from the '60s or '70s that my parents were starring in? What would my reaction be?' And this kid's reaction is like, 'Oh my gosh, that's my calling.'

A lot of other comics have pegged you as the one to watch over the last couple of years.
Nick Swardson: Oh, that's very cool. Who said that, my mom?

Mostly your mom, yeah.
Stephen Dorff: And your grandma.

How does it feel to have that kind of momentum building up? Not to put any pressure on you.
Nick Swardson: No, it's cool, man. I've been doing comedy for 16 years, so it's not, like, jarring. It's not an overnight thing where I'm like, 'Ah! How do I deal?' You know, I've had so many parts in Sandler's stuff, Blades of Glory, Reno 911. So it's been like a nice build. I just feel like it's really the perfect time. I don't feel any pressure or anything, and I'm really enjoying it. You know, I get to do a movie like this where I get to work with people like Stephen, who's an amazing actor.
Stephen Dorff: Thanks, buddy.
Nick Swardson: Yeah, buddy. I love you.

We saw you last in Somewhere, playing a movie star, and now you're playing a porn star in the other. Do you approach the characters the same way?
Stephen Dorff: A little different. A little different. This one had bad jeans, a little more Granada Hills thrown in there, some Affliction T-shirts, some Brett Michaels influence.
Nick Swardson: You had a bigger penis in Somewhere.

You had to decrease it for this role. In Somewhere, he had the three-foot penis, going down to his knees. In this one they were like, you've got to dial that back.

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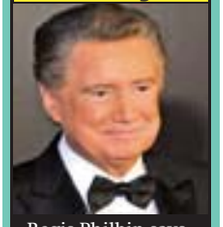

Regis Philbin says he'll retire from his talk show on November 18. The veteran TV personality made it official on Tuesday's edition of Live with Regis and Kelly as it began its 24th season in national syndication.
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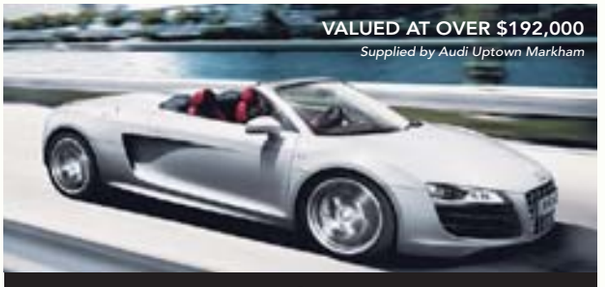

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If Jaws kept people out of the water, Contagion, this weekend's all-star Towering Inferno of germ movies, will keep them from touching their faces. The average person touches their face upwards of 3,000 times a day, and in the world of Contagion everything that comes in contact with your skin — an elevator button, a glass at an airport, a handrail on a ferry — could be fatal.

In this world of big diseases with little names like SARS and H1N1, germs are the new Frankensteins.

The movies have used microscopic germs and viruses as bogeymen for years.

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▶ Jude Law stars as Alan Krumwiede in the thriller Contagion.

In Warning Signs an experimental virus turns people (including Law and Order's Sam Waterston) into rage filled maniacs, a plot echoed in Resident Evil when a virus gets loose in a secret facility. "The T-virus is protean," says the Red Queen, "changing from liquid to airborne to blood transmission, depending on its environment. It is almost impossible to kill."

The Thaw sees Val Kilmer unleash a prehistoric plague when he discovers a diseased Woolly Mammoth carcass. Eli Roth gave new meaning to the term cabin fever in his virus movie of the same name and the movie Doomsday sees most of Scotland devastated by a deadly germ.

Michael Crichton dreamt up the idea for The Andromeda Strain when he was still a medical student. The story of a deadly alien virus was inspired by a conversation with one of his teachers about the concept of crystal-based life-forms. His novel was a bestseller and the author — who would later go on to write the sci-fi classics Westworld and Jurassic Park — actually makes a cameo appearance in the hit 1971 film of the same name. He can be seen in the scene where the star of the movie, Dr. Hall (James Olson), is told to report to the government's secret underground research facility.

Outbreak features germs of a more earthbound kind. Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Spacey star in this 1995 film about an outbreak of a fictional Ebola virus called Motaba spread in the States by a white-headed capuchin monkey. If the contagious simian looks familiar, no wonder. It's Betsy who also appeared as Ross's pet Marcel on Friends.

The sitcom spoofed Betsy's work in the disaster film by showing the monkey on a poster for a fictional film called Outbreak 2: The Virus Takes Manhattan.

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Escape from our reality

Is real life too boring for film?
Movies.com critic takes a look at why Hollywood movies are so fake

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You're watching a movie in which two characters are in the midst of an intense conversation about that giant asteroid that is on a direct path to crashing into the Pentagon when all of a sudden on of them says, "Hold that thought — gotta pee!" and darts off screen.

Doesn't happen much, does it? As a matter of fact, unless it's directly related to the advancement of the plot, we never see these real-world moments happen on screen. Are there consequences to that? Grae Drake, movie critic at movies.com, thinks so.

"I think the reason that I'm most indignant about this topic is that movies are single-handedly reinforcing why it's cooler to be a movie star than it is to be a real person," she says. "Because all of these menial tasks that make up a life are completely edited out of a representation of life, therefore making us think that being normal is totally lame."

That's just the point, argues Dr. Tonia M. Edwards, film and media professor at Georgia State University.

"Those mundane moments are often removed because Hollywood encourages escape from everyday life. By removing the often tedious aspects of everyday life from the story being told, it allows the viewer to distance themselves from a life in which they spend large portions of their days doing relatively unexciting things" she says, but adds that a certain brand of film far removed from Hollywood, chooses to emphasize the boring side of life in order to make an artistic statement.

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▶ The Transformers' series was as unreal as they come.

"European Art Cinema, for example, often chooses to include moments and various elements simply because they reinforce the realistic qualities of a story. Typically, they do this in order to force people to face real life issues."

Given that 'art cinema' doesn't often make it to the multiplex, it's a fair guess that most people aren't looking for reality. Christopher Sharrett, professor of film studies at Seton Hall, explains why.

"Today's movies emphasize spectacle and special effects. Writing takes a back seat, and with it real human concerns," he says. "Observing real human concerns are not, sad to say, what the audience has been trained to want, with a few exceptions."

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Funnyman eyes acting gigs

Stand-up veteran Russell Peters says he wants to jump from comedy to drama and back again

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▶ Russell Peters will host the Gemini Awards tonight, from CBC headquarters in Toronto.

Comedy superstar Russell Peters is beefing up his resume with several weighty Hollywood roles that he hopes will bolster his bid to develop a dramatic acting career.

The Brampton, Ont.-raised funnyman has even been vying for a part on CTV's Flashpoint, which follows an elite police tactical unit based in Toronto.

He muses that he could play a killer, a cop or a murder victim.

Flashpoint is one of the leading nominees heading into the Gemini Awards tonight, a televised bash that Peters will host from CBC headquarters in Toronto.

Peters says from Los Angeles that he's already filmed roles in the upcoming Garry Marshall movie, New Year's Eve, with Sofia Vergara and Katherine Heigl and See If I Care with Eva Mendes.

"I love it. You know, you hear celebrities go, 'Ugh, I just want my privacy.' Shut up. If you wanted privacy you would have been an accountant."
RUSSELL PETERS, ON HIS FAME

He also has a prominent part in the upcoming hockey movie, Breakaway, about a rag-tag group of Indo-Canadian rink rats who seek on-ice stardom.

It debuts at the Toronto International Film festival, which kicks off Sept. 8.

Peters says he'd like to develop a diverse body of work that allows him to jump from comedy to drama and back again.

"Kind of like the way Martin Short did," Peters says, referring to the Canuck comic legend who recently turned up on the meaty specialty dramas Damages and Weeds.

"I love Flashpoint, actually, that's the one show I actually have been asking to get on," says Peters, best known for peppering his stage show with outrageous accents.

For now, Flashpoint will have to wait. Peters is tied up with a slew of projects that include a holiday special for The Comedy Network and an episode of the Hulu documentary program, A Day In the Life, produced by Super Size Me director Morgan Spurlock.

Although he was able to work his own material into Breakaway and expects to determine much of the comedy planned for his Gemini gig, Peters says he stepped back on New Year's Eve to take cues from an industry giant.

"Garry Marshall knows what he's doing, he's not an amateur at this," he said of the Pretty Woman and Runaway Bride director.

In New Year's Eve, Peters says Heigl plays a caterer while he and Vergara are her underlings. Peters' character is in love with Vergara's character.

"He's pretending to be something he's not in order to try and get close to her," says Peters.

See If I Care involves a more serious role, where Peters plays Eva Mendes' boss.

"I kind of modelled it a little bit after Mel from Alice," says Peters. "(He's) lovably grouchy."

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Canadian star

Peters says he's not thinking too closely about where his career takes him but is buoyed by an explosion of diverse jobs.

- **Pumped:** "It's all pretty cool what's happening," says Peters, who will also be inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame on Oct. 1.
- **'Funny edge':** "These are roles that just come to me and I take them as they come. But I would like to go down that road some more and play some more things that are little more outside my box but still have a funny edge to them."

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Eyes on the prize: Musical theatre stars give song advice for up-and-coming singers

Who is Canada's Susan Boyle?: The search begins

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▶ Susan Boyle performs on NBC Today in New York in November of last year.

Does Canada have its own Susan Boyle? Is there a Paul Potts on the Prairies, perhaps, or a Jackie Evancho on the East Coast?

Judges for Canada's Got Talent will be looking for such hidden gems beginning Friday as nation-wide auditions for the Citytv spinoff of the hit franchise begin in Winnipeg.

While the show welcomes entertainers of all kinds, it's often been the singers who've captured the world's attention on international versions.

But just how does a singer stand out in such a cattle-call casting process, beyond having a heart-warming personal story — like Boyle's "never been kissed" life with her cat Pebbles, or Potts' physical and financial difficulties?

"For me, in the audition, the song that you choose should make you cry. It doesn't matter why, it could be because you're happy, but it gives you that feeling that you're overflowing," says Alice Ripley, Tony Award-winning star of the hit musical Next to Normal, who confesses to going to "hundreds" of auditions in her career.

"The crucial element is that there's an inexplicable tie from the middle of your chest to the song. ... What you're looking for is that feeling of: 'I can't wait to sing this song because I know that when people hear me sing this song, I love their reaction, I love how it makes me feel, I love how it makes them feel.'"

Ripley's theory is a common one amongst musical theatre stars, who know all too well the pressure of having just a couple of minutes and a few musical bars to try to beat out hundreds of hopefuls for one part.

"You don't go for a particular song, you go for something that you can sing well," says Colm Wilkinson, the star of musicals including Les Miserables and The Phantom of the Opera.

"Something that would not only probably impress the people you're auditioning for, of course, but at the same time something that you feel comfortable with and something that would show your range and show your emotion off."

For Boyle, it was her rendition of I Dreamed a Dream from Les Miz that got a standing ovation in her first audition on Britain's Got Talent, in which she placed second.

Ripley says she tends to look for songs that are obscure for auditions, "but at the same time, there's nothing wrong with singing I Dreamed a Dream in an audition."

"This is what I used to always tell myself because there was a long time when I actually believed it to be true: 'Maybe everybody loves to sing I Dreamed a Dream but nobody sings it as good as I do,'" says Ripley.

"Whether or not that's true it doesn't matter. It's just that you believe it to be true."

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Canadian, Miller has toured the show internationally since 2005 in over 130 cities and after a recent swing through New Zealand, Miller finds himself back in Canada performing MacHomer at Toronto's Factory Theatre.

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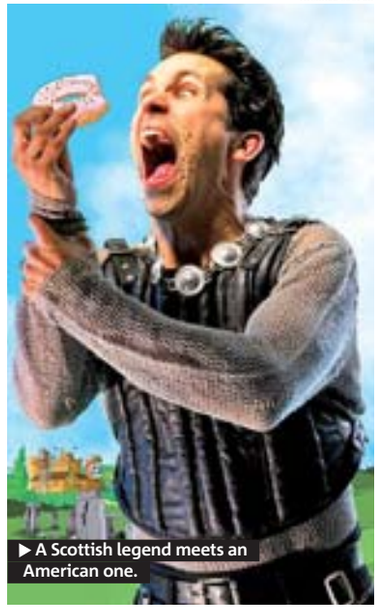

▶ A Scottish legend meets an American one.

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The literary picks look especially strong this fall, say booksellers We bring you a sneak peek of this season's hottest reads

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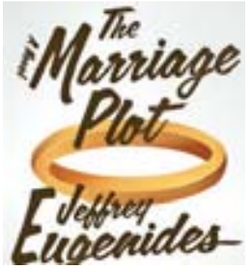
Step away from the television and give your imagination a good old-fashioned workout.

The Marriage Plot
Author: Jeffrey Eugenides

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Middlesex, The Marriage Plot is a literary story about three well-read Ivy League seniors. It is set mostly at Brown University and features a student who shares the writer's Greek heritage.



Steve Jobs
Author: Walter Isaacson

Walter Isaacson's Steve Jobs is the first authorized biography of the Apple leader who just announced that he was stepping down as CEO.

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Political reads

The fall will be relatively light on politics and U.S. presidents, although a pair of books will come from two of the highest officials in the George W. Bush administration.

- **Dick Cheney's In My Time,** is the most anticipated memoir from a former vice-president in decades.
- **Condoleezza Rice's No Higher Honor** covers her years as national security adviser and secretary of state.

Ondaatje could be the cat's meow this year

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Michael Ondaatje

Novels by Michael Ondaatje, Guy Vanderhaeghe and Marina Endicott, a series of essays from Margaret Atwood, and memoirs from Michael Bublé and William Shatner are among the hotly anticipated Canadian books due out this fall.

The season is a critical one for publishing houses as they release bankable books and arrange author tours in time to build buzz before the Christmas shopping season.

Ondaatje and Vanderhaeghe are also among the finalists for this year's Scotiabank Giller Prize.

Ondaatje is up for The Cat's Table, while Vanderhaeghe is in the running for A Good Man.

McClelland & Stewart describes Ondaatje's new book as "an electrifying" tale of an 11-year-old boy who journeys to England on a huge liner that's carrying a prisoner in the early 1950s.

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Madonna

Promoting her latest directing effort, W.E., seems to have put Madonna in a charitable mood. The singer spoke fondly of her ex-husbands during a press conference at the Venice International Film Festival, according to Us Weekly.

"I am and was attracted to very creative people which is why I married Sean Penn and Guy Ritchie, two very talented directors," Madonna said.

"They both encouraged me as a director and as a creative person to do what I did, and they were both very supportive." METRO

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Being a busty babe ain't all it's cracked up to be

Jessica Simpson considering a breast reduction surgery before she ties the knot ‘I was the first girl in my class to wear a bra,’ she says

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Jessica Simpson

Jessica Simpson is reportedly considering breast-reduction surgery before she walks down the aisle with fiancé Eric Johnson, according to In Touch.

"She thinks if she downsizes her breasts, she will look smaller. She's never loved having a huge chest," a source says.

It's clearly an issue that's been weighing on the singer for some time.

"I was well-endowed when I was in sixth grade. There's no way to hide them, as much as you want to bandage your boobs down," Simpson has said previously.

"I was the first girl in my class to wear a bra. I remember crying in the bathtub. All my friends were super skinny." METRO

Adele doesn't have weight issues

Adele

Adele, who has had to cancel several tour dates this year due to illness, apparently doesn't do so well on the road even when she's feeling healthy.

"I puke quite a lot before going on stage," she tells British Vogue, admitting that there is a bright side to it.

"The bigger the freak-out, the more I enjoy the show."

But no one should mistake the singer's nerves and anxiety for issues about her weight, of which she says she has none.

"I've seen people where it rules their lives, who want to be thinner or have bigger boobs, and how it wears them down," she previously said in an interview with Rolling Stone.

"I don't want that in my life. I have insecurities, of course, but I don't hang out with anyone who points them out to me." METRO

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The funky side of Edmonton

There's a lot more to Alberta's capital than that gigantic mall with the roller-coasters

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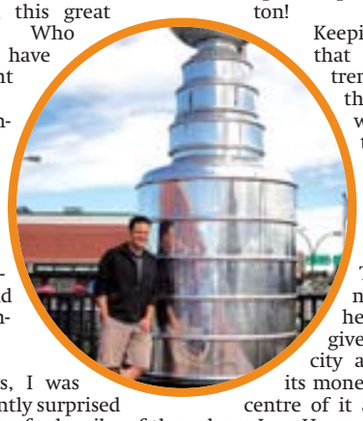
There is more to Edmonton than that big honkin' mall. A lot more.

Having travelled all over this fair country, and most of Alberta for that matter, I for some reason had never visited this great city. Who would have thought you'd find interesting history and culture in little old Edmonton?



For starters, I was pleasantly surprised with the funky vibe of the historic old Strathcona district. Cool old architecture, colourful antique and junk stores and great restaurants await, and then there is the super-sized holy grail for hockey fans!

I almost drove off the road after suddenly noticing a gigantic Stanley Cup right there on the side of the road! This 12-foot-tall exact copy of the cup even has all the winning teams engraved on it, just like the real thing. I actually had to stand in line to get my picture taken next to this massive version of hockey's most famous prize. Guess that's one way to keep the cup in Edmonton!

Keeping with that trendy/funky theme, it was on to the very vibrant and lively Whyte Avenue. The nightlife here could give any big city a run for its money. At the centre of it all is the huge Iron Horse nightclub next to the railway tracks, where the partying goes on and on. My personal favourite watering hole in Edmonton turned out to be the equally lively Atlantic Trap and Gill.

My intention was to stop in for a quiet east coast style meal and a brew, but a few pints later I somehow found myself on stage leading a chorus of the Irish folk song Whiskey in the Jar. Did I mention a few pints were involved?

Happily even more pints were involved a few days later when I had a chance to tour the city's most impressive boutique brewery called Big Rock. This is a great place to just hang out and have lunch, and of course tasting the product is not too hard of a sell either. The brewery's Grasshopper Wheat Ale has become a very popular export to other parts of the country, and the Big Rock Lime is no slouch either. I tasted both more than once, just to make sure.

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Olympic Park, Beijing, China — It's tough to "blend in" in China when you're a Black, English-speaking, family of four. The photo requests have been constant as have been the pleadings to touch the boys' hair. We've come to realize that most people are simply curious. Sometimes we say no, sometimes we oblige — and every so often the excitement of a local over our acceptance leaves us all in stitches.

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An apple a day

- Iroquois, Ont., is home to the McIntosh apple
- The town celebrates the bicentennial of the species

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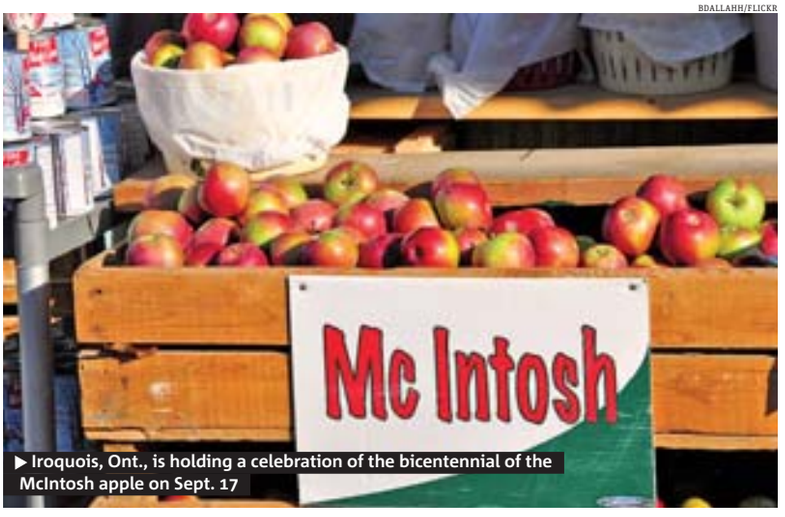

▶ Iroquois, Ont., is holding a celebration of the bicentennial of the McIntosh apple on Sept. 17

Two hundred years ago, in 1811, a farmer by the name of John McIntosh found an apple sapling growing on his property in Upper Canada, north of the St. Lawrence River.

That find, and later widespread propagation of the species, led to what become known as McIntosh apples showing up in grocery stores and lunch boxes everywhere. The town of Iroquois, Ont., will celebrate the bicentennial at an apple festival on Sept. 17.

"We're gearing up," Sandra Beckstead, owner of Smyth's Apple Orchard in Dundela, just north of Iroquois, told CBC Radio's As It Happens. "I have all the history. The history will all be displayed. . . . We'll have all kinds of contests, music, barbecues, apple cider, candy apples — we have everything planned."

Beckstead said she's the fourth generation in her family to have farmed her land, and that John McIntosh's property was about half a kilometre away. The oldest known McIntosh apple tree — an original descendent of the first McIntosh tree — died at Beckstead's farm this summer.

McIntosh's parents emigrated from Inverness, Scotland, to the Mohawk Valley in New York state, and John later moved to Upper Canada.

An Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque in Dundela, 75 kilometres south of Ottawa, says John McIntosh and his family had a major impact on Canada's fruit growing industry: "The McIntosh apple not only possessed a highly desirable taste, texture, aroma and appearance, but was also ideally suited for growing in the country's colder climate."

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▶ The McIntosh apple has a highly desirable taste.

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NEWCOMERS' GUIDE TO THE CITY

There is nothing like fresh produce direct from the farm ... wander through these delicious markets

Fresh finds at the market

TEXT BY PAULINE ANDERSON AND YLVA VAN BUUREN

EVERGREEN BRICK WORKS

Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
evergreen.ca/rethinkspace/?p=148

WHY WE LOVE IT: This large, friendly market has the most amazing backdrop – a ravine named one of the world's top 10 geo-tourism destinations by National Geographic.

TASTE: All in-season produce as well as dairy products, meat, fish, baked goods, flowers and a number of artisans.

WHAT ELSE?: This Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. kids and adults can learn to make traditional crafts including clay vessels and utensils. The suggested cost: a $5 donation.

TO GET THERE: Take the free wheelchair accessible shuttle bus from the parkette on Erindale Ave, east of Broadview Ave (just north of Broadview subway station). Or take the #28A Davisville bus from Davisville subway station.

DUFFERIN GROVE PARK

Thursdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
dufferinpark.ca/market/wiki/wiki.php
WHY WE LOVE IT: It's a year-long farmers' market located in an easy-to-get-to friendly neighbourhood.

TASTE: Savour lots of fresh, mostly organic produce (right now, look for summer squash and Roma tomatoes) as well as specialty foods including gluten-free and other baked goods (try the cinnamon buns or pizza topped with fresh ingredients picked from the park gardens).

WHAT ELSE?: Mark your calendars for the Tasting Fair on Sunday October 1 from 1-4; samplings of seasonal delights cost $2 each.

TO GET THERE: Take the Dufferin bus or subway to Dufferin. The market is just south of Bloor station.

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▶ Fresh produce is a staple at all of these local markets.

LIBERTY VILLAGE

Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
my-market.ca

WHY WE LOVE IT: The area is one of the trendiest in the city, a former factory district transformed by condos and lofts, restaurants and cafes.

TASTE: There's a great selection of seasonal fruits and vegetables, locally produced honey, breads, organic and locally raised meat such as beef and bison, flowers and an absolutely fabulous stall that sells sheep's milk cheeses including divine curds.

WHAT ELSE?: The market is surrounded by shopping. There's often live music for the whole family to listen to at the market.

TO GET THERE: Take #29 Dufferin bus to Liberty St., walk east; or take the 504 King streetcar to Atlantic Ave (if going westbound, transfer to #63 Ossington bus.)

GUILDWOOD PARK

Thursdays, 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
marketsbythebluffs.com

WHY WE LOVE IT: The spectacular view (the market is at the edge of the Scarborough Bluffs) and the offerings (it has a mandate to offer products that are "homemade, handmade and earthmade").

TASTE: Traditional market fare includes farm fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, cheese, fresh baked bread and treats, meals-to-go, honey, preserves, granola and soups.

WHAT ELSE?: Check out local artisans (art, jewelry, etc.) and on September 8, FarrucFly, a Latin duo performs using traditional musical instruments.
There's face painting for kids too.

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Gem of the South

Asheville, N.C., has plenty of culture from art shops to music venues Fall features spectacular foliage too

The North Carolina coast took a hit from Irene, but the western part of the state was not affected, and Asheville is gearing up as usual for a lively fall season. The culture-packed city is a hilly oasis tucked in the state's western corner and could easily be called the Berkeley of the Blue Ridge.

A thriving city of some 83,000, Asheville has something for everyone, from history and outdoor activities to a green, new-agey vibe.

Attractions include lovely Art Deco buildings, scores of artsy shops, restaurants, craft breweries and music venues, and the Blue Ridge Mountains, where fall foliage often lasts well into November. Home to one of several University of North Carolina campuses, Asheville has a college-town feel. But it's also a destination retirement spot for baby boomers, drawn by the beautiful mountain setting.

Head downtown

The compact downtown area is a great place to explore on foot, whether shopping or just sightseeing. Cultural sites include the boardinghouse where author Thomas Wolfe lived; once run by his mother, the restored yellow Victorian building is open for public tours daily except Monday: 52 N. Market St. Visit wolfememorial.com or 828-253-8304.

▶ Rafting on the French Broad River gives visitors a chance to see the natural side of Asheville.

Art appreciation

The Asheville Art Museum houses a collection of 20th- and 21st-century art in a Renaissance Revival-style building. Open Tuesdays through Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons; 2 S. Pack Square, ashevilleart.org or 828-253-3227.

The adjacent Pack Square Park is a lovely outdoor expanse with frequent festivals, concerts and other events. For events check packsquarepark.org.

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INCLUDES accom near the French Quarter and Mississippi River. Departs Sep 25/ggv/us. ADD swamp and bayou tour for $50.

Las Vegas Air + 4 Nights $325
Circus Circus + taxes & fees $307
INCLUDES accom on the Strip. Departs Sep 25/swg/wg. ADD Grand Canyon tour for $98.

Chicago Air + 3 Nights $499
Essex Inn + taxes & fees $121
INCLUDES accom on famous Michigan Avenue. Departs Oct 18, 25/ggv/aa. UPGRADE to 4-star Westin for $45 per night. ADD Chicago city pass for $76.

California Air + Car $579
+ taxes & fees $134
INCLUDES airfare into Los Angeles and return from San Francisco, and 7-day economy car rental with unlimited mileage. Departs Oct 2, 9/ggv/aa.

Scottsdale Air + 4 Nights $634
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Get outdoors

Possibilities include rafting, canoeing or kayaking on the French Broad River, which snakes through town and beyond, and miles of nearby trails for hiking, cycling or mountain biking. The area is known for breathtaking fall foliage, typically from late September through early November. The area's tourism website, exploreasheville.com has links to tours, gear rental and suggested hikes and drives.

Beyond downtown

The Folk Art Center, up on the Blue Ridge Parkway, features galleries and a shop with works by southern Appalachian artists; Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 382.

Nightlife

Asheville stays lively at night, with colourful street performers and buskers along the sidewalks. Located at 4 College St.

Good Eats

Dining options include Mela, an Indian restaurant at 70 N. Lexington and Early Girl Eatery at 8 Wall St.

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▶ The Folk Art Center features art by southern Appalachian artists.

Drinker's delight

Asheville is also home to several craft breweries, offering tastings or tours, including the Highland Brewing Co., 12 Old Charlotte Highway, highlandbrewing.com; Asheville Brewing Co., 77 Coxe Ave., ashevillebrewing.com; and the French Broad Brewery, frenchbroadbrewery.com, which features live music Thursday through Saturday nights.

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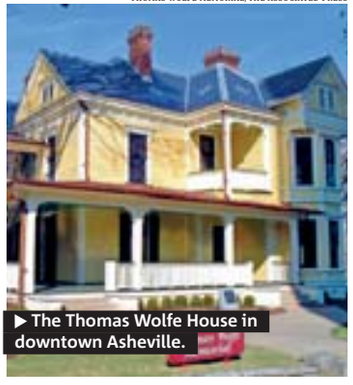

▶ The Thomas Wolfe House in downtown Asheville.

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▶ Pack Square Park in Asheville is the site of many concerts and festivals.

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Be confident about who you are

Don't compare your appearance, possessions, or status with other students. As a mature student, you may have better time management skills and more life experience than your peers. You also know the value of a good education and will work hard to achieve it.

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▶ Don't forget that as a mature student, you have the advantage of possessing a world of wisdom that many of your classmates will lack.

Pass it on!

Your decision to further your education is a brave one:

- Be proud of yourself and consider helping a child in a developing country to get their education as well.
- You can visit ccfcanada.ca to see how you can provide opportunities to children in need.

Get organized

Invest in a daily planner to keep track of deadlines and assignments. Create a home workspace that is comfortable and free of clutter.

Find a student mentor

Apply for a mentor through student services. Look for someone who is also a mature student and in a higher year than you. He or she can share first-year experiences, time management and study tips, and the scoop on professors to avoid.

Befriend your classmates

Having friends to confide in will make your classes more enjoyable. If you don't connect with anyone in your class, join interest groups and associations on campus. Being passionate about an activity binds people together. **NEWS CANADA**

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▶ Alanna Glass emphasizes the importance of quality over quantity when it comes to the information a person presents on their resumé.

I have been plagued with the "I need experience but nobody will give it to me" curse for a long time.

Until one company is willing to take a chance on you and give you an entry-level position, the job or internship hunt can be tiresome. Trust me, I know.

That being said, as I ended my second year of university, I was finally able to land an internship. Fortunately for me, this small company did just what an employer should: they looked beyond the content of my resumé.

When I came in on my first day, they told me I had been selected based on the strong communication skills I had demonstrated in my application.

My relevant work experience had been reviewed but was not necessarily the top priority. They valued that I could communicate effectively and were willing to give me the experience I lacked.

In my opinion, employers should "read between the lines" of a resumé and try to recognize quality over quantity.

What does a student prove by having six short-term positions over one long-term position? As a student, does it benefit to be a member of six clubs or to be the president of one?

Employers seem to be so caught up in the length of a resumé that they neglect to read between the lines and see what's really there. Through dedication to one position, a student is demonstrating commitment and perseverance.

The quality of your resumé is of paramount importance.

Whether one page or two, a resumé can be demonstrative of so much more than past work experience. For example, a resumé that is clean and well-organized is often received as a reflection of the person who wrote it.

Also, creative descriptions of skills and prior experience demonstrate impressive communication skills.

There's no need to write "excellent communication skills" when it is evident in your writing and the construction of the resumé.

Take time to polish your resumé. It's often the only piece of information that employers have about you, so you want to be sure that it's giving the right impression.

Where Alanna is now

I recently completed a marketing internship this summer and I am back at the University of Western Ontario to start my third year in the honours specialization in Media, Information and Technoculture (MIT) program.

What I learned

Key take-aways from Alanna's experience:

- Spend time enhancing your resumé for every job that you're applying to
- Make sure your resumé demonstrates the transferable skills you acquired in your extra-curricular activities and past experiences
- Highlight your past successes and make your resumé stand out

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The changing face of snacks

Keep after-school treats unique with these recipes

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▶ The Peanut Butter and Jelly Cubes recipe makes 32 cubes. The Sweet Quesadillas serve 4.

These snacks are great when peanut butter and crackers or a piece of fruit just isn't enough for the kids after a day of learning.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Cubes Preparation:

1. Spray a 23-by-33-cm (9-by-13-inch) pan with cooking spray, then line with plastic wrap.
2. In bowl, combine 4 envelopes of gelatin with 250 ml (1 cup) of grape juice. Let sit 5 minutes.
3. In saucepan over medium-high heat, bring remaining 750 ml (3 cups) grape juice and 50 ml (1/4 cup) honey to boil. Pour in bowl with gelatin; stir until dissolved. Pour mix into prepared pan and refrigerate until firm and set, 3 hours.
4. In small bowl, combine cool water with remaining 2 envelopes of gelatin. Let sit for 5 minutes, then add boiling water. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Set aside.
5. In bowl, use electric mixer to beat peanut butter, cream cheese and remaining 50 ml (1/4 cup) honey until smooth. Slowly beat in gelatin mix. Pour and spread over set grape jelly in pan. Refrigerate and allow to set up completely, about 3 hours.
6. Using plastic wrap to assist, remove gelatin from pan. Peel off plastic wrap. Cut into cubes.

Sweet Quesadillas Preparation:

1. In skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add apples, brown sugar, cinnamon. Cook, often stirring, until apples are tender, 3 minutes. Transfer to a bowl.
2. Spread cream cheese over 4 tortillas. Divide apple mix among tortillas. Top with remaining 4 tortillas.
3. In skillet over medium-high heat, toast each about 2 minutes per side. Serve warm.

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Shopping List:

Peanut Butter and Jelly Cubes
- 6 envelopes unflavoured gelatin, divided
- 1 l (4 cups) grape juice, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) honey, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cool water
- 250 ml (1 cup) boiling water
- 250 ml (1 cup) peanut butter
- 1 pkg (250 g/8 oz) cream cheese, room temperature

Sweet Quesadillas
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) packed brown sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
- 125 g (4 oz) cream cheese
- Eight flour tortillas

Drink of the week

The Grey Goose Northern Starlet

This fruity cocktail is fit for the stars as Canada gets ready to celebrate the Toronto International Film Festival.

- 45 ml Grey Goose Vodka
- 5 ml Cherry Marnier
- 25 ml organic Canadian cranberry juice
- 1 can (175 ml/6 oz) frozen orange juice concentrate
- 10 ml Passion fruit syrup
- 5 ml Freshly squeezed pink grapefruit juice

Combine all ingredients into cocktail shaker with ice. Shake; strain in coupette. Finish with spray of pink grapefruit zest and garnish with a whole star anis. **DIMI LEZINSKA, GLOBAL BRAND AMBASSADOR GREY GOOSE VODKA**

GREY GOOSE VODKA

Boston tees off on Jays

- Scutaro drives in four runs, Lester strikes out 11 as Red Sox dominate Toronto
- Jays right-hander McGowan pitches in the majors for the first time in more than three years

Shortstop Marco Scutaro had four hits and drove in four runs while left-hander Jon Lester struck out 11 in seven innings as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 14-0 last night.

The Red Sox outhit the Blue Jays 20-4.

Blue Jays right-hander Dustin McGowan pitched in the majors for the first time in more than three years and allowed five hits, three walks and three runs while striking out five in four innings of relief.

Lester (15-6) held the Blue Jays (70-72) to three hits and one walk with his 100-pitch outing.

Scutaro's four hits equalled his career best. David Ortiz also equalled his career best with four hits and added two RBIs. Adrian Gonzalez and Jarrod Saltalamacchia, who hit his 15th homer of the season, both drove in a pair of runs.

Josh Reddick hit his seventh homer of the season in the eighth against McGowan.

With the Red Sox (85-56) leading 11-0, McGowan entered the game in the fifth inning to make his first major-league appearance since July 8, 2008.

RED SOX	BLUE JAYS
14	0

McGowan, who has come back from two shoulder surgeries, received an ovation from the Rogers Centre crowd. He was activated Monday from the 60-day disabled list after completing his minor-league rehabilitation assignment at double-A New Hampshire.

After giving up three hits and two runs in his first inning, he settled in and showed a fastball of 95 miles per hour. After walking the first two batters in the ninth, McGowan was replaced by Joel Carreno.

Toronto left-hander Luis Perez (3-3) lasted only 2⅔ innings in the start as the Red Sox hammered him for 10 hits.

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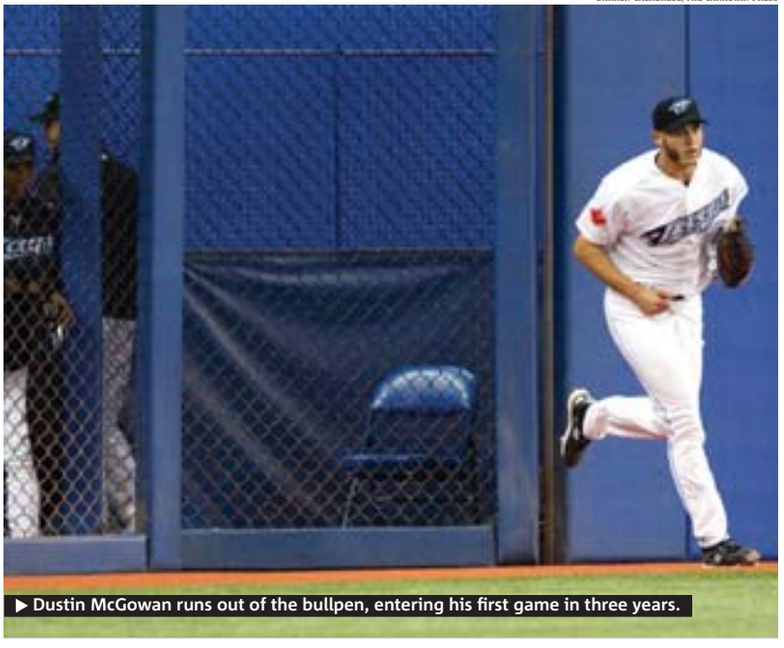

▶ Dustin McGowan runs out of the bullpen, entering his first game in three years.

Called up

The Toronto Blue Jays called up several players for the home stretch of the season yesterday, including right-hander Kyle Drabek and outfielder Adam Loewen.

- The Blue Jays also called up right-handed pitchers Chad Beck and Danny Farquhar, left-hander Brad Mills and first baseman David Cooper from triple-A Las Vegas.
- Major-league rosters are expanded from 25 to a maximum of 40 on Sept. 1.
- Drabek, 23, was 5-4 with a 7.44 earned-run average for the Las Vegas 51s but Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos said that his stuff was better than his numbers indicated.

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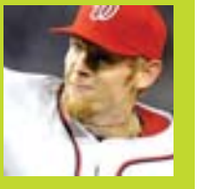
Sports in brief



Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg allowed two hits over five scoreless innings last night in his first major league start since undergoing Tommy John surgery.

His workload carefully monitored, Strasburg threw 56 pitches, 40 for strikes.

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Lemon gets sacked

Argos give veteran quarterback his walking papers, hand job to Jyles

The Toronto Argonauts are now Steven Jyles' team.

Jyles assumed the starting quarterback position with the struggling Argos (2-7) yesterday, hours after the club's surprising announcement it had released incumbent Cleo Lemon. Jyles will come off the nine-game injured list this week and make his Toronto debut Saturday night in Vancouver against the B.C. Lions.

"I'm expecting him to go out and play within himself and by the end of nine games we're going to know what we have in Steven Jyles," said Toronto coach/GM Jim Barker. "For him this is an opportunity to take control of a team."

Lemon joined the Argos prior to the 2010 campaign following seven NFL seasons and struggled with the Canadian game, amassing an 11-14 record as the club's starter. His departure came four days after Lemon was benched for the first time, giving way to backup Dalton Bell to start the second half of Toronto's 29-16 home loss to B.C., a game that saw the home team roll up just 184 total offensive yards.

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▶ Cleo Lemon has been released.

The move was a huge surprise given Barker continually supported Lemon throughout his CFL struggles. Barker named Lemon his starter last season despite Bell having played better in camp and although Toronto posted a 9-9 record to qualify for the playoffs, it was due mostly to its stout defence and spectacular special teams as the offence struggled mightily.

In the off-season, Barker acquired Jyles from Winnipeg and declared another open competition at training camp for the starter's job. But the Lemon-Jyles showdown never materialized as Jyles missed most of camp recovering from off-season shoulder surgery before going on the injured list.

Lemon did show flashes of brilliance this year, completing 66.5 per cent of his passing with seven touchdowns against just four interceptions. But it wasn't nearly enough to kick-start an anemic Toronto offence that's ranked last overall in the total yards (312.1 yards per game) and passing yards (277.3).

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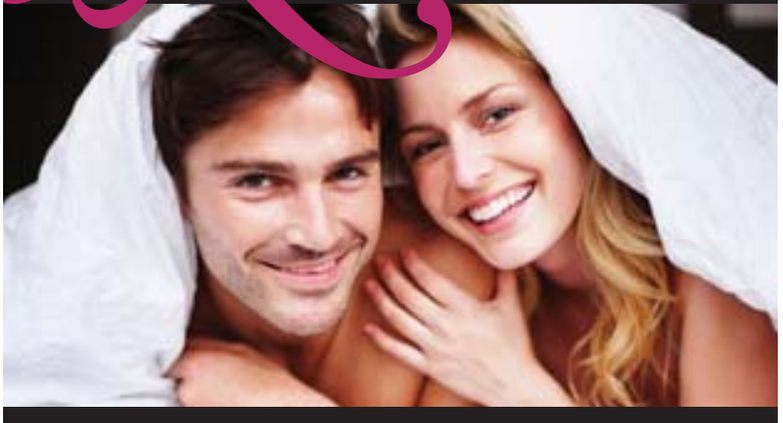

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	86	53	.619	—
Boston	84	56	.600	2½
Tampa Bay	77	64	.546	10
Toronto	70	71	.496	17
Baltimore	55	84	.396	31

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	80	62	.563	—
Chicago	70	69	.504	8½
Cleveland	70	69	.504	8½
Kansas City	59	83	.415	21
Minnesota	58	83	.411	21½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	81	62	.566	—
Los Angeles	77	64	.546	3
Oakland	64	77	.454	16
Seattle	58	82	.414	21½

Last night's results

Detroit 10, Cleveland 1

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

Texas 8, Tampa Bay 0

Chicago White Sox at Minnesota

Kansas City at Oakland

Seattle at L.A. Angels

Monday's results

N.Y. Yankees 11, Baltimore 10

Detroit 4, Cleveland 2

Toronto 1, Boston 0, 11 innings

Tampa Bay 5, Texas 1

Chicago White Sox 2, Minnesota 1, 1st game

Kansas City 11, Oakland 6

Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota 0, 2nd game

L.A. Angels 7, Seattle 3

Today's games

Detroit (Verlander 21-5) at Cleveland (Masterson 11-8), 12:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Britton 9-9) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 9-11), 1:05 p.m.

Texas (D.Holland 13-5) at Tampa Bay (Price 12-12), 1:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Chen 10-6) at Oakland (Moscoso 7-8), 3:35 p.m.

Boston (Wakefield 6-6) at Toronto (Morrow 9-10), 7:07 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Danks 6-10) at Minnesota (Pavano 7-11), 8:10 p.m.

Seattle (Furbush 3-7) at L.A. Angels (J.Williams 2-0), 10:05 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 1:05 p.m.

Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

Kansas City at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	89	48	.650	—
Atlanta	82	58	.586	8½
New York	68	71	.489	22
Washington	65	74	.468	25
Florida	63	77	.450	27½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	85	57	.599	—
St. Louis	74	67	.525	10½
Cincinnati	69	72	.489	15½
Pittsburgh	65	77	.458	20
Chicago	61	80	.433	23½
Houston	48	94	.338	37

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	81	60	.574	—
San Francisco	74	67	.525	7
Los Angeles	68	72	.486	12½
Colorado	66	75	.468	15
San Diego	61	80	.433	20

Last night's results

Houston 4, Pittsburgh 1

Atlanta at Philadelphia

L.A. Dodgers at Washington

N.Y. Mets at Florida

Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs

Milwaukee at St. Louis

Arizona at Colorado

San Francisco at San Diego

Monday's results

Washington 7, L.A. Dodgers 2

Pittsburgh 3, Houston 1

Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati 3

Arizona 10, Colorado 7

San Francisco 7, San Diego 2

Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 1

Philadelphia 9, Atlanta 0

Florida 9, N.Y. Mets 3

Today's games

N.Y. Mets (Dickey 7-11) at Florida (Hand 1-5), 5:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Cain 11-9) at San Diego (Harang 12-5), 6:35 p.m.

Atlanta (Beachy 7-2) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 7-8), 7:05 p.m.

Houston (Happ 5-15) at Pittsburgh (Burres 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Eveland 1-0) at Washington (Wang 2-3), 7:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Cueto 9-5) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 10-11), 8:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Greinke 14-5) at St. Louis (C.Carpenter 8-9), 8:15 p.m.

Arizona (J.Saunders 9-12) at Colorado (Millwood 2-1), 8:40 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

L.A. Dodgers at Washington, 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m., 1st game

Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:40 p.m., 2nd game

Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.

San Diego at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

MONDAY

BLUE JAYS 1, RED SOX 0 (11 INN.)

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	5	0	1	0	McCoy ss	3	0	1	0
Pedroia 2b	5	0	0	0	Teahen ph	0	0	0	0
AdGnzl 1b	4	0	1	0	Arencii c	0	0	0	0
Aviles pr-3b	0	0	0	0	EThms lf	4	0	0	0
D.Ortiz dh	4	0	1	0	Bautist rf	4	0	0	0
Youkils 3b-1b	4	0	0	0	Lind 1b	4	0	1	0
Crwfrd lf	4	0	0	0	Encrnc dh	5	0	1	0
Reddck rf	5	0	2	0	KJhnsn 2b	5	0	1	0
Varitek c	4	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	3	1	1	1
Scutaro ss	4	0	2	0	JMolin c	4	0	1	0
Wdwrd pr-ss	0	0	0	0					
Wise cf	4	0	0	0					
Totals	**39**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**Totals**		**36**	**1**	**6**	**1**

Boston	000	000	000	00—0
Toronto	000	000	000	01—1

Two outs when winning run scored.

E—Papelbon (1). DP—Boston 2, Toronto 1. LOB—Boston 10, Toronto 10. 2B—Ellsbury (37), Ad.Gonzalez (41), Reddick (15), Scutaro (15). HR—Lawrie (8). SB—McCoy 2 (9), Encarnacion 2 (7), Lawrie (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Beckett	3 2-3	3	0	0	1	6
Aceves	3 2-3	1	0	0	3	4
D.Bard	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Papelbon	1	1	0	0	2	3
Wheeler L,2-2	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Toronto						
H.Alvarez	6	4	0	0	1	4
C.Villanueva	1	1	0	0	1	0
Janssen	1	1	0	0	1	2
F.Francisco	2	1	0	0	1	2
Camp W,3-3	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—3:51. A—27,573 (49,260).

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Lawrie	107	17	34	8	21	.318
Bautista	448	96	137	40	92	.306
Escobar	500	75	145	11	48	.290
Johnson	45	8	13	2	4	.289
Molina	151	19	43	3	13	.285
Encarnacion	427	66	118	15	44	.276
Thames	282	44	77	9	30	.273
Lind	445	53	113	24	79	.254
Davis	320	44	76	1	29	.238
Arencibia	380	41	83	20	66	.218
McCoy	120	14	26	1	5	.217
Rasmus	88	11	19	3	12	.216
Teahen	143	12	27	4	13	.189
Wise	21	3	3	1	1	.143
Woodward	4	1	0	0	0	.000

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
McCoy	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.00
Carreno	0	0	0	8.0	5	1.13
Janssen	4	0	2	46.2	45	2.12
Alvarez	1	2	0	36.2	25	2.95
Romero	13	10	0	193.2	157	2.97
Francisco	1	4	12	43.2	44	3.50
Perez	3	2	0	59.2	51	3.77
Villanueva	6	3	0	100.0	64	4.14
Litsch	5	3	1	65.2	57	4.39
Camp	3	3	1	59.1	27	4.55
Cecil	4	8	0	109.2	74	4.60
Morrow	9	10	0	148.2	172	4.78
Rauch	5	4	11	52.0	36	4.85
Lewis	0	0	0	3.2	2	4.91
Drabek	4	5	0	72.2	48	5.70

Not including last night's game

TENNIS

U.S. OPEN SHOW COURT SCHEDULES

TODAY
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
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Play begins at 11 a.m.
Arthur Ashe Stadium

Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, vs. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, vs. Janko Tipsarevic (20), Serbia

Night Session (play begins at 7 p.m.)

Serena Williams (28), United States, vs. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (17), Russia

Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, vs. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (11), France

Louis Armstrong Stadium

David Ferrer (5), Spain, vs. Andy Roddick (21), United States

Sam Stosur (9), Australia, vs. Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia

Not before 3 p.m.: Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, vs. Andrea Petkovic (10), Germany

Grandstand

Donald Young, United States, vs. Andy Murray (4), Britain

John Isner (28), United States, vs. Gilles Simon (12), France

Angelique Kerber, Germany, vs. Flavia Pennetta (26), Italy

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Online: www.europeantour.com

CFL

WEEK 10

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	9	7	2	0	219	184	14
Montreal	9	5	4	0	274	238	10
Hamilton	9	5	4	0	260	227	10
Toronto	9	2	7	0	200	262	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	9	6	3	0	239	238	12
Edmonton	9	6	3	0	209	197	12
B.C.	9	3	6	0	232	219	6
Saskatchewan	9	2	7	0	192	260	4

Monday's results
Edmonton 35 Calgary 7
Hamilton 44 Montreal 21
Sunday Result
Saskatchewan 27 Winnipeg 7
Friday Result
B.C. 29 Toronto 16
WEEK 11
Friday, Sept. 9
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10
Toronto at B.C., 4 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 11
Hamilton at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Saskatchewan at Winnipeg, 4 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

(x—scored two-point convert):

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Whyte, Mtl	0	28	24	4	104
Medlock, Ham	0	27	22	3	96
McCallum, BC	0	21	23	2	92
Palardy, Wpg	0	18	23	5	92
Paredes, Cal	0	22	16	4	74
Duval, Edm	0	17	14	13	72
Prefontaine, Tor	0	15	15	2	62
E.Johnson, Sask	0	11	10	5	46
Richardson, Mtl	7	0	0	0	42
Stala, Ham	7	0	0	0	42
Cobourne, Ham	6	0	0	0	36
Edwards, Wpg	6	0	0	0	36
Foster, BC	5	0	0	0	30
Getzlaf, Sask	5	0	0	0	30
Kackert, Tor	5	0	0	0	30
Q.Porter, Ham	5	0	0	0	30
Stamps, Edm	5	0	0	0	30
Boyd, Tor	4	0	0	0	24
Bratton, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Brown, BC	4	0	0	0	24
Cornish, Cal	4	0	0	0	24
Diedrick, Mtl	4	0	0	0	24
Dressler, Sask	4	0	0	0	24
C.Williams, Ham	4	0	0	0	24
Milo, Sask	0	10	3	1	20
Barnes, Edm	3	0	0	0	18
Brink, Wpg	3	0	0	0	18
Bruce, Ham-BC	3	0	0	0	18
Cates, Sask	3	0	0	0	18
Charles, Sask	3	0	0	0	18

BASKETBALL

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Yesterday's results
Puerto Rico 79 **Canada 74**
Argentina 111 Venezuela 93
Brazil 90 Panama 65
Domincan Republic 84 Uruguay 76

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	26	11	8	7	31	30	40
Kansas City	27	9	8	10	40	36	37
Houston	27	8	8	11	34	33	35
Philadelphia	25	8	7	10	31	26	34
New York	26	6	6	14	41	37	32
D.C. United	24	7	7	10	34	35	31
Chicago	26	4	7	15	30	33	27
Toronto	28	4	12	12	26	49	24
New England	26	4	11	11	26	39	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	27	14	3	10	39	22	52
Seattle	27	13	5	9	42	29	48
Dallas	27	13	7	7	36	29	46
Real Salt Lake	25	12	7	6	35	21	42
Colorado	28	10	7	11	39	36	41
Portland	26	9	12	5	33	41	32
Chivas USA	27	7	10	10	32	30	31
San Jose	26	5	10	11	27	35	26
Vancouver	26	4	13	9	27	42	21

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Monday's result
Los Angeles 2 Kansas City 2
Tonight's game
New England at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

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Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
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Engine

Keeping the iQ on the go and hopefully out of trouble is a 1.3-litre four-cylinder engine that generates 94 horsepower and 89 pound-feet of torque.

That is minimal, but considering the car's modest 970-kilogram curb weight, it's likely all that's needed for most urban driving scenarios.

Seating and space

This so-called "micro subcompact" offers a unique seating arrangement, with the driver's chair positioned a few centimetres aft of the front passenger seat.

This arrangement allows for a reasonable legroom assigned to the spot behind the shotgun position, but barely any such space exists behind the driver. Full Monty seat deployment also results in a mere mail slot's worth of storage space, accessible through the rear hatch. But with the rear seat folded, stashing a couple of sets of golf clubs or full-size suitcases would not be out of the question.

How many airbags?

The iQ isn't particularly wide — nearly equal to the fortwo in this regard — but the offset front-seat layout should provide sufficient space to prevent elbow collisions.

It also features an amazing 11 airbags strategically located about the cabin. The list includes the first-ever rear-window airbag plus driver and front-passenger knee and seat-cushion airbags.

▶ Given the $18,300 entry price and an estimated fuel economy of 5.5/4.6 l/100 km (city/highway), there are more economical choices than the iQ. Purchase will have to be partly based on the got-to-have-it factor.

Talk about a good catch: iQ with charm

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More than four decades ago, North Americans began a love affair with an inexpensive little two-door runabout that Toyota introduced to North America from its Japanese homeland. The Corolla badge has so far been affixed to 40 million vehicles.

Certainly Toyota isn't expecting its Scion-branded iQ to be a case of history repeating, but if just a little of that ol' Corolla mojo rubs off on this tiniest of four-seaters, the automaker would definitely have another hit on its hands. The iQ is an interesting piece of architecture. Toyota has managed to take a vehicle that's a scant three metres long (roughly 30 centimetres longer than a Smart fortwo) and create a rolling habitat for four people.

The previous statement, however, requires some clarification. The person sitting directly behind the driver will either have to be very small, or sufficiently flexible to sit cross-legged for extended periods.

For all practical purposes, the iQ is essentially a three-person proposition, but it still puts the Smart to shame. Young urban singles and multi-car families are the likely targets, but more car can be had for about the same money from other automakers with as good, or better fuel-efficiency stats.

But don't discount the iQ's certain indescribable charm factor. After all, it worked for the Corolla.

5 drive

By comparison

Smart fortwo
Base price: $15,000
Less practical two-seater lacks space and fuel efficiency in this class.

Mini Cooper
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Easy on gas plus excellent road manners makes Mini a fun-to-drive pick.

Fiat 500
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Black beauties

▶ As long as it's not a base Corvette, you can get this much black by specifying a Centennial Edition.

Guess which colour is making a comeback in the auto world Hint: Johnny Cash would approve

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This just in: Black is back. If you don't believe it, take a look at some of the 2012-model-year limited-edition new cars and trucks starting to roll into showrooms in North America even as you read this.

From subcompacts to near monster-sized trucks, there hasn't been this much black going on since Johnny Cash sang Man In Black 40 years ago. But unlike the Vietnam-era Cash, there's nothing sombre about the black look today. The new black is about celebration, about being cool, classy, mysterious and, of course, bad to the bone.

Fiat Gucci 500

Yes, you read that correctly. With the Fiat 500 barely out of the starting blocks in North America, there's already a new version of the microcompact that's funky but chic. The designer-themed Gucci 500 and 500C will be available only in pearlescent black or white, both with Gucci's green-red-green stripe pattern on the exterior as well as the seatbelts.

Gucci logos and emblems will be just about everywhere on the Fiat, including the alloy wheels, headrests, rear hatch and B-pillars. There will be no mistaking that you're driving the Gucci-ized Fiat 500 and not the more pedestrian base model.

The Gucci 500 is set to debut during this week's New York Fashion Week

Chevrolet Corvette Centennial Edition

The yin to the Gucci Fiat's yang, the Centennial Edition 'Vette looks like a modern Batmobile, available only in a paint colour that Chevrolet calls Carbon Flash Metallic, a.k.a. black. Add bright-red brake calipers and wheel accents and satin-black graphics and this is one seriously mean-looking hot rod. Interestingly, the Centennial Edition trim package is available on most Corvette levels.

Prada Genesis

▶ Similar to Gucci's deal with Fiat, Hyundai has a deal with another fashion designer, Prada, for a limited-edition version of the Genesis luxury sedan. But the Prada Genesis — also black — is available only in Korea and China, not in North America.

Ford Harley-Davidson F-150

Since teaming up together in 1999, Ford Motor Co. has sold more than 70,000 Harley-Davidson-badged pickup trucks. The new special-edition F-150 will feature snakeskin leather interior accents and aggressive and distinctive bodyside graphics. Under the hood is a 411-horsepower 6.2-litre V-8.

Porsche Cayman S Black Edition

Clearly, black is, well, the new black. Just ask German automaker Porsche, which is rolling out its limited-run 2012 Cayman S Black Edition. Among sports cars, there is none more black than the new Cayman: black body, black-painted 19-inch Boxster Spyder design wheels, black side air intake grilles, black exhaust tailpipes, black interior, even a black script Cayman logo on the back.

Top Gear

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1 Owners of smaller cars need to be just as organized as those who drive larger vehicles, For that reason, the folks at Griot's garage have created what they call Jenny's Junk-In-The-Trunk Bag. This portable nylon carryall has been designed to hold plenty of gear in a relatively small space. griotsgarage.com.

2 The problem with washing your car is not that your clothes will usually get wet, but that your feet also get a good soaking. But that's not a problem if you're wearing a pair of Oakley Car Washing Shoes. This footwear has been designed to allow water to run through the shoe and quickly air dry. The sole is also of the non-slip variety and Oakley claims the laces will easily cinch up, even when wet. autogeekonline.net.

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THERE ARE GARAGES, AND THERE ARE GARAGE MAHALS

AUTO PILOT

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When the wheel was invented, a bunch of guys huddled around it. Eventually, one guy mumbled "good." The others nodded.

But one guy, still scratching his nether regions, wondered out loud, "but where you put at night?"

A man couldn't just leave his "wheel" lying about, thought this dude, contemplating the coming ice age, the clumsy wooly mammoth in the neighbourhood, and the envious tribe across the river.

He also figured that this wheel might need to be worked on from time to time, or at least shined up a bit. And when this wheel was looking good, a man would want to show it to his buddies. Then he thought these buddies might need a beer. So this guy, this enlightened ancestor of ours conceived of a cave, not far from the family cave — but far enough — with space enough for a wheel or two, a bit of elbow room for standing around, some shelving, and some electric outlets, one of which would be used for a small fridge. Finally, there would be a big door that would swing up into the roof. When he finally got it done, he brought his buddies around. They liked it. They liked it real good.

So began the tradition of garages that extend a car guy's passions. When big enough, these garages are sometimes known as Garage Mahals. But they also respond to Man Cave, Garage with Cheese, and Big Room with the Really Loud Furniture.

PAUL STONTROP

▶ Cadillac collector Steve Plunkett is pictured in one of his garages.

Through the years I've visited a few, and heard about some others. Here's a quick cross-country tour of my favourites …

In Chester, N.S., Colin MacDonald has built a garage in the style of an old train station. It holds over 20 vehicles and one really nice pool table.

One province over, in New Brunswick, you'll find Doug MacDonald. An avid Corvette collector, Doug decided the best place to store and display his most priced examples (seven in total) would be in the basement of his new house.

The cars are arranged in a semi-circle and each 'Vette can be pushed out without disturbing its stable mates. The ceramic-tile floor is heated by hot-water plumbing.

Outside London, Ont., you'll find Steven Plunkett, who has a thing for those big, classic-era Cadillacs of the 1920s and '30s, and owns more than a few. Guess where he keeps them? In a huge and beautiful building, which evokes the "art deco" vibe of New York's Waldorf Astoria. Back in the day, the hotel was often used to debut Cadillac's new models.

His "other" garage holds his other Cadillacs, about 30 of them, and is connected to his house by a 200 metre underground tunnel.

In Abbotsford, B.C., Abe Suderman has the country's largest collection of Willys vehicles. They all reside in one building; one section has the restored cars, and features a period-correct Willys parts counter. The other section is for the less-than-perfect cars, some of which are displayed in their glorious "as found in a field" state, such as the one with the fake tree growing out of it.

His muscle cars are housed in another "garage," where the interior has been rebuilt to resemble a car dealership of the early 1950s.

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▶ Inventory at a dealership can be worth millions of dollars, according to an economist for the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association.

Stocking the right merchandise is always a challenge for anyone in retail.

But it can be even tougher for car dealers, who have to contend with expensive inventory, annual model changes, and customer demand that can switch rapidly with such factors as fuel price fluctuations.

"Dealers make their orders based on their knowledge of their markets, what they know and anticipate their customers are going to want," says Michael Hatch, chief economist for the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association.

"Inventory management is the fine art of being an experienced car dealer."

Auto manufacturers may talk about their "customers," but the vast majority of them never sell a vehicle directly to the public. Instead, they sell their cars and trucks to independently-owned authorized dealerships, which in turn sell them to consumers.

"Dealers pay for their cars up front," Hatch says.

"Their inventory (can be) worth tens of millions of dollars, so they finance through a bank or financing partners."

Those vehicles are racking up interest charges as they sit on the lot, which is why you can often negotiate a better deal on one that's been in the inventory for a while.

The dealer wants to sell it, pay off the bank lien and stop the clock ticking on the cost of carrying it.

Some people order their vehicles, specifying the model, colour and options they want, and then wait for it to be built and delivered.

But dealers must also carry an inventory that allows customers to browse or cross-shop, and to take delivery right away if they find the car they want. Ideally, a dealer would order enough to satisfy customer demand, while having none remaining when the next year's models come out.

"It's difficult to sell 100 per cent of your inventory in a given year," Hatch says, but adds that having a good inventory management system will ensure that almost all are sold in time.

"There will be one or two left over. They can't send them back (to the manufacturer) so they'll sit there until they're finally sold, or they can be sold on the secondary market, such as to a rental car company, fleet managers, or auctions."

Knowing what options to order is important as well.

Many vehicles now come with option packages, rather than all stand-alone choices, because "there is a limit to the degree to which you can customize every detail of mass-produced vehicles," Hatch says.

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Last-gen Infiniti QX is comfy, thirsty, enormous

SECOND GEAR

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The first generation of the QX56 was available to Canadian shoppers between 2004 and 2010 model years. A shot at machines like the Cadillac Escalade, it was effectively a rebadged and upscaled Nissan Pathfinder Armada with sophisticated looks and a very luxurious cabin.

Look for all the premium goodies, including hard-drive audio storage, radar cruise, puddle lights, navigation with voice command, Bluetooth, automatic everything, leather seating, wood trim and plenty more.

Seating was available for the driver and up to seven passengers.

2004 to 2010 Infiniti QX56

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Engine

Standard was a 5.6-litre V-8 engine cranking out 315 or 320 horsepower, a five-speed automatic and standard four-wheel drive with low-range.

What owners like

Comfort, handling, beauty, luxury, and style are highly rated by QX56 owners.

A combination of space, luxury-car amenities and capability are also noted as primary reasons for purchase.

What owners dislike

As with any SUV, gas mileage is almost unanimously rated poorly by QX owners. Other gripes include "boatish" driving dynamics, poorly-placed cupholders and a few cheaper-than-expected interior pieces.

Common issues

On a test-drive, note any unwelcomed vibrations through the steering wheel, which may be caused by out-of-balance wheels, poor alignment or worn tires. Ensure all door locks work properly and triple check the trunk release latch and motorized tailgate for proper operation in both directions, if so equipped.

Hard shifting or engine performance issues could be caused by a faulty powertrain control module, not the drivetrain itself.

Verdict

Smaller and less-thirsty alternatives to the QX56 are available in the used market, should this enormous Infiniti's size and power prove overkill. Those set on a QX56 should opt for a model familiar to a selling Infiniti dealer.

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Curbsiders: Stay away from the creep

Ontario council urges buyers of private vehicles to do their research Warns of danger in dealing with 'predators'

Do you know how to spot a curbsider? The Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC), the province's regulator of vehicle sales, is helping consumers spot curbsiders with a new tool — the Creepometer.

Consumers should try to avoid contact with curbsiders, those creepy car sellers who push damaged, misrepresented or even stolen vehicles using unregulated online marketplaces like Kijiji and Craigslist.

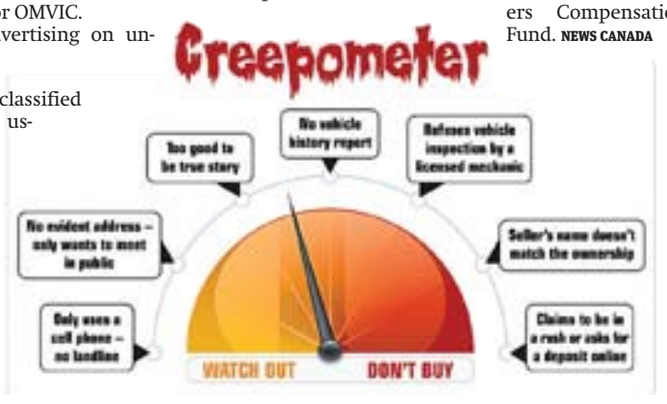
OMVIC is advising vehicle buyers who buy privately to do their research so they do not fall victim to these con artists.

"Curbsiders are online predators — they are there only to take advantage of people and are able to operate anonymously and under the radar," says Carey Smith, Director of Investigations for OMVIC.

"By advertising on unregulated online classified sites and using mobile phones, curbsiders can easily prey on consumers and disappear quickly once they're detected," says Smith. Industry research finds that 19 per cent of private online classified ads may be posted by curbsiders.

To help consumers, the province introduced tough new legislation for motor vehicle sales by Ontario-registered dealers. Consumers who buy from an Ontario-registered dealer benefit from all-in pricing, vehicle history disclosure, rescission rights and access to the Motor Vehicle Dealers Compensation Fund. NEWS CANADA

"When you're dealing with them, they should give you the creeps."
CAREY SMITH, OMVIC, ON THE EXPERIENCE MANY PEOPLE HAVE WITH CURBSIDERS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WATCH OUT
DON'T BUY

Before you buy privately, determine the creep factor. Here are seven ways you can avoid creepy curbsiders.

1
Look out for unusual stories.

2
Ask for a landline or work number to confirm the seller's identity.

3
Make sure the seller's name matches the vehicle's ownership registration.

4
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5
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6
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7
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Behold ... As the gull wing doors lift

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Dream Car. Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG

By the numbers

- **Price:** $198,000
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- **0-100 km/h:** 3.8 seconds
- **Power:** 563 horsepower

Best thing:
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Worst thing:
You're going to need to be rich to fuel it, let alone buy it.

Performance

The SLS is the first car to be built from the tires up by in-house Mercedes-Benz tuners AMG. With a powerful 563 horsepower V-8 engine, the SLS can accelerate from 0-100 km/h in just 3.8 seconds.

Exterior

Mostly made of aluminum, it may not be as elegant as the iconic 300SL but it certainly succeeds as a bad ass, modern day, technological version of it. With both doors raised above the roof the car looks very dramatic.

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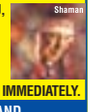

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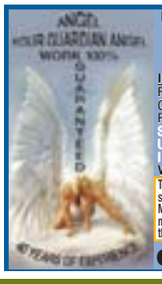

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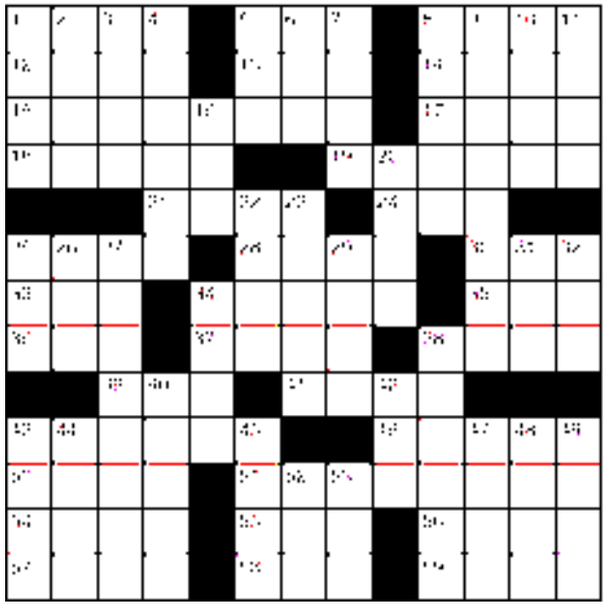
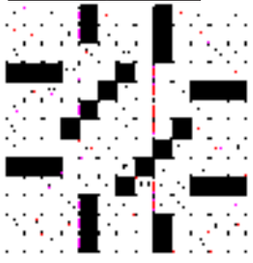


Across
1 Use the oven
5 Mandible
8 Census stats
12 Former Fed head Greenspan
13 Author Umberto
14 Crooner Jerry
15 Hood
17 "By the power vested — ..."
18 Perspiration
19 St. George's foe
21 Mentor
24 Bigger photo (Abbr.)
25 Ginormous
28 Never again?
30 Mischief-maker
33 "Born in the —"
34 Musical endings
35 Water (Fr.)
36 Stiller or Stein
37 Supplements, with "out"
38 Kermit, for one
39 Petrol
41 Line holder
43 Summon with a shout
46 "Soon It's — Rain"
50 Hodgepodge
51 Ship boarders' passages
54 Midday
55 Brazilian tourist mecca
56 Duel tool
57 Chromosome part
58 Shade source
59 Tat-tat lead-in

Down
1 Luggage
2 "There oughta be —!"
3 Welles role
4 Intermesh
5 Lustrous black
6 Expert
7 Information
8 Bird-related
9 More like a string bean
10 Ticklish Muppet
11 Witnessed
16 R-V connection
20 "Cheers" actor Roger
22 Castle
23 Hypnotized
25 Center
26 Work with
27 Bundle of nerves?
29 Instance
31 Chinese chairman
32 Boxer
34 "— la vie"
38 Rose, e.g.
40 Unaccompanied
42 Nest item
43 Reps. and Sens.
44 Lotion additive
45 Shrek, for one
47 California wine valley
48 Dmitri's denial
49 Whale-watching, maybe
52 Have a bug
53 — de plume

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

			9	7				8
9		8		2		5		
					4			7
	2	7	3	9		6		
		4				7		
		6		5	7	8	1	
6			8					
		3		1		9		6
1				3	6			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

7	2	3	6	1	9	4	5	8
5	9	1	4	8	2	7	6	3
4	8	6	5	3	7	2	9	1
1	5	8	3	2	4	9	7	6
3	7	4	9	5	6	8	1	2
2	6	9	1	7	8	5	3	4
8	1	2	7	9	3	6	4	5
9	4	5	8	6	1	3	2	7
6	3	7	2	4	5	1	8	9

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Its been to long and I still think about you all the time. I miss you in my life and you were so perfect. If only I could show you and make you mine again. I'll miss you forever. **MK**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The planets indicate that journeys will go well for you today. Get going.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You know what needs to be done and you know how to do it. If you wait, you could miss your chance.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Be impulsive today. Do something for no better reason than because it makes you feel good.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Find ways to further your career interests while enjoying a great social life. Have your cake and eat it, too.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you think everyone is out to cheat you then, inevitably, you will attract that sort of person.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The trend dominating your life is totally positive. Stop trying to change things that don't need changing.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 A quick decision is not always the best decision, so take your time before making your next move.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Work with people who share your outlook on life. There's plenty.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Someone you work with will make you an offer you can't refuse.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 No one knows you as well as you know yourself, so listen to your subconscious — then act fast.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Cosmic activity in a sensitive area of your chart makes you acutely responsive to changes in your life.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Make sure loved ones take you seriously and make sure you take them seriously. SALLY BROMPTON

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Sorento SX shown

Sportage SX shown

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Rondo EX-V6 shown

International model shown°

2011 SOUL

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